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Box 2

April 3, 1931 To August 19, 1931

Copies of Letters sent to the Director from
the Superintendent of the Denver Mint.

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FROM

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TO

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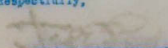
April 3, 1931

Mr. George W. Roy,
Lincoln, Nebraska,
1220 Vine Street.

Dear Sir:

I have your postal card of recent date and in view of the fact that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any respect I am unable to give you any information as to what premium coin collectors are paying for buffalo nickels, if any; nor am I for the same reason able to give you any information regarding the piece of paper currency concerning which you write.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 8, 1931

Mr. William Michalski,
Perham, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not accept deposits
of copper for coinage into one-cent bronze pieces or for
any other purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

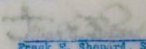
April 2, 1921

Mr. E. C. Schneider,
Room 409 - 511 Ross Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not sell silver
in any quantity and I am therefore unable to be of any
assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 4, 1931

Ross-Tacony Crucible Company,
Railway Exchange Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and in
reply beg to advise that your name is on our mailing list
to receive proposals for any graphite articles needed by
this institution and you will be duly apprised when we are
in need of any of these articles.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 4, 1931

Mr. William Beber,
102 West Exchange,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant and have to advise that in view of the fact that deposits cannot be accepted for purchase when their value falls below \$100.00, fractional parts of deposits cannot be entered on our books and treated and their value credited to depositors. I would therefore suggest that you hold your material until you are quite certain it will have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain approximately one-fourth of its weight in the precious metals which does not include platinum as the Mint makes no allowance for any metal other than gold and silver.

I regret to say that I cannot give you any advice or suggestions to assist you in buying scrap gold as you can readily see the impracticability of such advice and that I would be assuming undue responsibility in such a matter, there being so many factors that enter into purchases of this kind.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 6, 1931

Miss Shirley Youfs,
201 Fourth Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 20th ultimo and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not redeem fragments of currency - this being done only by the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C.

I am enclosing a circular which will give full information concerning the conditions under which fragments of currency are redeemed, which please read carefully when taking this matter up with the Treasurer.

I am returning your fragment of \$1.00 bill herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:J
Enclosures

April 6, 1931

Mr. E. E. Hammersly,
Alsea, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, please be advised that the Mint does not have for distribution any literature pertaining to minerals, nor does it make analyses of mineral bearing ores or sands.

From your description, I am unable to give you any definite information concerning the metal you have found, but if it is white iron or marcasite it has no commercial value.

I would suggest that you send a sample of your metal to some reliable chemist or assayer in your vicinity or take the matter up with the State Mining Bureau of Oregon.

Respectfully,


Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

CHIT

April 6, 1931

Mr. A. S. LaDuke, V.P. & Cashier,
Security State Bank,
Beelaco, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Mint will accept deposits of gold containing silver in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, where the gold and silver content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

Payment is usually made on the second or third day after the receipt of deposits and the depositors may receive gold coin for the gold content of the deposit but this coin would not be made of the identical gold received from the depositor. The Mint also pays by check on the Treasurer of the United States and I would suggest that your client receive payment in this form.

I am enclosing a circular regarding deposits at the Mint which may be of some interest to you in connection therewith.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

April 6, 1931

Mr. Jesse Gower,
353 Queen Avenue,
Hoquiam, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith your money order for \$2.23 and have to advise that application for new coins must be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular

This Mint has not issued any quarter dollars during the current calendar year.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

April 6, 1931

Mr. Ben M. Jackson, President
Vigilante Mining Association,
Three Forks, Montana.

Dear Sir:

In the Denver newspapers of April 4th announcement was made of the organization of an association for the development of the mineral resources of your section.

In connection with the disposal of any gold bullion resulting from your operations, the following information relative to shipment of bullion to this Mint may be of assistance to you in your plans:

Gold bullion is received at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States when such bullion contains a value of at least \$100 in gold and silver. The weight of the gold and silver contained in the bullion should be about 25% of the total weight of the shipment.

The gold contained in the bullion is purchased at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce having a fineness of 1000. Silver contained in the bullion is paid for at the market quotation, minus the fraction, on the day previous to the day the bullion is received.

Rates quoted by the Railway Express Agency, Inc., for shipment of bullion by express are as follows: Three Forks to Denver.

The express charge on bullion is at the rate of \$3.30

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April 6, 1931

City Loan Company,
1014 Leopard Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment with your card enclosed but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this shipment. As no deposits are entered on our books for treatment without a letter of advice, you are requested to advise me promptly regarding your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

April 6, 1921

Mr. M. Melvin,
Kaleo, Washington,
Route 2, Box 4.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo and under separate cover your sample, and have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, it appears to be decomposed granite containing a little mica and has no value.

If you desire the return of this sample, please advise me promptly and forward the necessary postage and insurance, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 7, 1931

Linco Air Products Company,
910 Baltimore Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find \$1.00 in payment of your
bill for rental on cylinder No. K264616 for the period
12/29/30 to 2/28/31.

Kindly return receipt and oblige,

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 7, 1931

Mr. Leo Peytner,
% Lardman & Kershman,
1114 Ft. Worth National Bank Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will accept deposits of gold filled watch cases when accompanied by sufficient sterling silver to give the mass a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

As you no doubt are aware, gold filled watch cases contain very little gold and the Mint does not accept deposits where the base metal content equals or exceeds 800 assay parts out of a possible 1000. It is also necessary that the gold and silver content of deposits have a value of at least \$100.00 - no deposits being received having a value under that amount.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

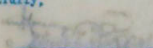
April 7, 1931

Denver Fire Clay Company,
1742 Champa Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant in which you state the General Chemical Company has credited this institution, under date of March 30th, with 36 carboys returned, please find enclosed receipt from the General Chemical Company for the return of 36 empty carboys on March 30th, which you will kindly return to this office after it has served your purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

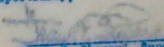
April 7, 1931

Mr. Eugene Daly,
421 - 8th Street South #6
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 29th ultimo, please
be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay
a premium thereon and I have no information as to what pre-
miums are paid for the so-called Indian Head pennies by
private coin collectors.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 7, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have forwarded you this day by parcel post, insured with Delaney, Kipp & Swan, Inc., the PTX coins of this institution for the quarter ended March 31, 1931, as follows:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>No. of Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
Double Eagle	50	\$ 1,000.00

Respectfully

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 8, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Arcade Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 6th instant enclosed in wet filter paper and which weighed upon receipt here 77.50 troy ounces, I have to advise that this consignment has been melted and assayed and found to contain considerably over 800 assay parts of base metal out of 1000 and has accordingly been rejected - a melting charge of \$2.00 being imposed to cover the Mint charges up to the time of its rejection. Kindly remit these charges by money order and advise as to what disposition you desire made of this bar which now weighs 35.95 troy ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 9, 1931

Mr. Walter P. Nichols
212 W. Emerson Street
Melrose, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 4th instant enclosing money order for certain new coins and have to advise that of the coins desired by you only the one cent bronze piece has been issued at this mint during the current calendar year.

At the present time the regulations require that all applications for new coins be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in accordance with the enclosed circular, and I am therefore unable to supply you these coins until authorized by the Treasurer.

Your money order is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

April 10, 1931

Mr. H. E. Allen,
Garibaldi, Oregon. Box 391.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not have any circulars relative to gold mining which I could send you.

The Mint will accept deposits of gold where the pure metal content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit and which have a value not less than \$100.00.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you more information on this subject and I regret that I cannot be of help to you in regard to the subject of mining.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

DS:2
Enclosure

April 10, 1931

The Postmaster,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in reference to a shipment of coin by parcel post from the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis on March 25th which was not delivered to the Mint until March 30th. As similar shipments have been received here in two days from the date of shipment by the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis, will you please advise me regarding the cause of the delay in this shipment in order that I may make report to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 10, 1931

Mr. Charles I. Amer,
P.O. Box 811,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

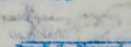
I have your letter of the 7th instant in reference to gold-filled watch cases concerning which you desire information before forwarding to the Mint and have to advise that such material is subject to the same requirements which pertain to all other deposits in order to be acceptable for treatment and purchase by the Mint, namely, that it shall have a value of at least \$100.00 and contain a minimum of 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000.

As you no doubt are aware, gold-filled watch cases contain very little gold and should therefore be accompanied by sufficient sterling silver to offset the base metal content and enough good gold to give your consignment a value of at least \$100.00.

I would suggest that you melt your material before sending it to the Mint as that would reduce somewhat its base metal content and then forward it here with the gold and silver suggested. If it is found to be of improper fineness and value after it has been treated by the Mint, your bar will be rejected

and only such charges imposed as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection which probably would not exceed \$1.00 or \$2.00. You will then be advised in what respects it has failed to meet our requirements and you can either send the requisite material or your bar will be returned you, as you may wish.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 11, 1931

Dave Habstedt Company,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your label but have not so far received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this shipment.

The regulations do not permit the treatment of any deposits unless accompanied by a letter of advice and I have therefore to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 11, 1931

Mr. Rowland K. Goddard,
United States Secret Service Operative,
Denver, Colorado.

My Dear Mr. Goddard:

I am enclosing a counterfeit 25¢ piece received
from the First National Bank of Craig, Colorado, together
with letter accompanying same.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosures

27
April 11, 1931

Mr. C. A. Van Dorn,
President, 1st National Bank,
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant enclosing
a 25¢ piece which upon examination is found to be counter-
feit and in accordance with the law I have turned it over
to the local branch of the United States Secret Service who
will send you a receipt for this spurious coin.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

April 11, 1931

Hygrade Lamp Company,
Salem, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your proposal of the 28th ultimo on 24 daylight blue lamp bulbs and have to request that you will kindly have Mr. Miller indicate thereon the title under which he signs this proposal - the Department at Washington requiring that this information be furnished on each proposal.

In this connection I have also to request that you will kindly furnish the regular list price for these lamps in order that I can certify that the Government has been given the regular discount which applies on lamps under contract with the Government.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

April 11, 1931

Mr. Paul Kockenbaugh,
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and under
separate cover your samples and have to advise that while
the Mint does not do commercial assaying, your material
appears to be high-grade calcite or what is commonly called
lime rock.

Please advise what disposition you desire made
of your samples and if you desire their return, kindly for-
ward the necessary postage or instructions to return by
express, collect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 13, 1931

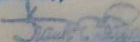
Mr. M. F. Goldberg,
6536 Lowell Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 10th instant and from an examination of your material, I am unable to say definitely whether the precious metal content is sufficient and in order to remove any doubt in that respect, I would suggest that you send the 25 ounces of silver which you state you have and could send to be added to this deposit.

I will therefore hold your material without treatment until I hear from you regarding your wishes in the matter and if you desire the silver in your deposit returned, please advise.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 18, 1931

Brannon Jewelry Company,
Bonham, Texas.

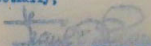
Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 8th instant, please be advised that I am in doubt about your deposit having a value of \$100.00 and that it will contain at least one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals, both of which are necessary in order to render deposits acceptable for purchase.

If you feel confident that your material has a value of \$100.00, I would suggest that you send at least 6 ounces of sterling silver to increase its precious metal content, and if you are doubtful about the value, send enough good gold to increase its value sufficiently to meet our requirements.

I am holding your deposit without treatment until advised by you regarding your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:t

April 13, 1931

Mr. H. M. Hughes, Jr.,
906 Park Road,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, please be advised that this institution has not coined any \$5 gold pieces since 1914 and in order to obtain any new coins from the Mint, it is necessary that application be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., a circular containing more information on this subject being enclosed herewith.

The \$5 check mentioned by you was not found in your letter. Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosures

April 13, 1931

Miss Florence Anderson,
Webster, South Dakota.

Dear Miss Anderson:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and I regret I cannot be of any assistance to you in adding to the collection in your museum since the Mint does not distribute any samples of its product.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

April 12, 1961

Mr. Elvie L. Morris,
Hot Springs, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant in regard to the burned silver money in your possession and have to advise that it would be impossible for me to say without seeing it how much of this money, if any, could be redeemed. I would therefore suggest that you send it here and I will then be glad to advise what can be done in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1931

Mr. Morris Krulak,
809 - 15th Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your deposit at this institution under date of the 11th instant, please be advised that after melting your material and assaying same, I find it contains over 800 assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000 and I am therefore compelled to reject this deposit.

I would suggest that you bring me 10 ounces of silver to be added to this bar which would be sufficient to bring its precious metal content within the requirements of the Mint.

It will also be necessary for you to pay \$1.00 to cover the melting charges on this material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

QE:2

April 14, 1931

Mr. Albert W. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 180.51 troy ounces and have to advise that it appears that the base metal content of this shipment will exceed the limit permitted by the Mint regulations. I would therefore suggest that you send at least 20 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this material in order that its base metal content will be lowered.

I am holding your shipment without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly regarding your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1931

Messrs. Kies & Butler,
1360 Central Avenue,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 10th instant, please be advised that after treating your material I find that its value will fall below the minimum of deposits acceptable for purchase and it will be necessary for you to send me a money order for \$1.00 covering charges which have been imposed up to the time of its rejection.

If you desire to reenter this material as a deposit, it will be necessary for you to send at least \$10.00 in value in additional gold, together with money order above referred to.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 15, 1931

Mr. A. S. Treger,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, I have to advise that if you have a mutilated or uncurrent \$20 gold piece which you could add to your \$85.00 worth of old gold, the Mint would accept same for purchase, it being necessary that all deposits have a minimum value of \$100. The law provides, however, that United States gold coin of legal weight shall not be accepted from depositors.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 18, 1931

Mr. John D. Rosenblum,
Border Store, 407 S. El Paso Street,
El Paso, Texas.

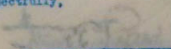
Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date, your material has been melted and assayed and found to fall considerably below the minimum value received for deposit, namely, \$100.00 and has accordingly been rejected. I have therefore to request that you will send me a money order for \$1.00 to cover the charges imposed up to the time of the rejection of your deposit, and if you desire to reenter this shipment as a new deposit, it will be necessary for you to send approximately \$10.00 in good gold to be added thereto.

Before your deposit can be reentered, however, the payment of the above charges is necessary.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:2

April 16, 1931

Mr. M. W. Roberts,
804 University Street,
Trinidad, Colorado.

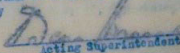
Dear Sir:

With reference to your note and consignment under date of the 15th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 7.16 troy ounces, please be advised that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 which your material does not anywhere near approximate; in fact, as it is mostly filled material its gold content is very small.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, I will return your consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent
By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 16, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your deposit under date of April 14th, please be advised that upon receipt here your consignment weighs 10.18 troy ounces instead of 11.37 ounces as noted in your letter.

In view of the fact that this discrepancy is in excess of one ounce, I am holding your shipment without treatment until advised by you that the weight as found here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent
By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

April 17, 1931

Dr. M. A. Nemets,
Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

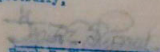
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content - not including platinum for which no allowance is made - is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Each consignment should be accompanied by a letter of advice and returns are usually made the second or third day after the receipt of deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of further assistance to you in making shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

April 18, 1931

Mr. Robert Shade,
Wichita High School East,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th instant in regard to the two ounces of gold which you desire to deposit at the Mint and have to say in reply that the regulations prohibit the acceptance of deposits having a value under \$100.00 under which circumstances, I regret to say I am unable to receive the two ounces of gold you have for sale.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 10, 1931

Mr. M. W. Roberts,
804 University Street,
Trinidad, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 16th instant,
I have this day returned to you by parcel post the small
amount of gold bullion forwarded by you to this Mint for
purchase - using the 16¢ in postage enclosed with your
letter as follows:

Postage	8¢
Insurance	8¢

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

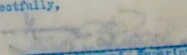
April 16, 1931

Mr. D. A. Barton, Chief Clerk,
D. & R. G. Western, Local Freight Office,
1536 - 15th Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of the 17th instant enclosing blank certificate in duplicate for accomplishment covering shipment to this institution of six cases of tar soap by the Winsor Soap Company of Buffalo, New York, on government bill of lading No. T-112674 which has apparently been lost, please find said certificate herewith which has been duly accomplished.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

April 20, 1931

Mrs. Agnes Skjold,
Northern Pacific Lanchroom,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 17th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins, hence has no information as to what premiums may be paid by private collectors.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1931

Mr. Walter S. Walker,
Attorney-at-Law,
Morris Memorial Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant and in reply have to advise that some years ago the Mint received from William Meriweather, Clarksville, Tennessee, a bar of metal which was shipped by him under the impression that the bar contained considerable gold.

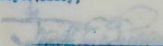
A preliminary assay of the bar was made by the Mint which indicated that it was practically all copper and hence of no value. Mr. Meriweather was informed accordingly and requested to send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of the bar to him. He persisted in the belief, however, that it was gold and at his request and expense an official assay of the bar was made which showed it to contain a bare trace of gold and silver which would give it a negative value in these metals.

He was again requested to send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of the bar to him but to date he has not complied with that request, and if you will have him send me proper authority to forward the bar to you, I will be only too glad to do so as the Mint's storage space is limited.

The number of the bar is 3619 and not 3699 as stated by

you. If this bar is to be forwarded to you, please send the necessary postage and insurance, if you desire it sent by parcel post, otherwise it will be returned by express, collect.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T



R. D. Jones

UNITED STATES MINT, DENVER. April 20, 1931

Respectfully returned with the information that the Green Economizer is no longer used as a unit of our power plant as the operation of the latter was discontinued quite a number of years ago. The Economizer is now used as a pre-heater for our hot water system and in this respect and as a part of our power plant, its service has been highly satisfactory.

[Signature]
Superintendent

50
April 20, 1931

Mr. M. A. Heschell,
Ellensburg, Washington, Route 4.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I have to advise that if the 50¢ piece which you mention is genuine it should not have an eagle on both sides and it has been cut thereon after the coin left the Mint. The Mint mark "D" should appear on the reverse side only.

If you care to send the coin to the Mint, a new piece will be sent you, provided the one you send is found to be genuine.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK/T
Stamped envelope returned

April 20, 1931

Brannon's Jewelry Company,
Bonham, Texas.

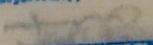
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and if you will kindly refer to my letter of the 18th instant, you will note that in addition to the necessity that deposits have a value of \$100.00, it is also necessary that their pure gold and silver content shall equal at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. As your deposit will unquestionably fail to meet this requirement, I feel confident it will have to be rejected after being melted and assayed, in which case the melting charges up to the time of its rejection will be imposed.

If you are unable to send the necessary silver to increase the fineness of your deposit, please advise me and I will proceed to treat your material but will be unable to purchase it if its precious metal content is insufficient.

Awaiting your further advice, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 20, 1921

Dr. C. V. McCormack,
913 Gary State Bank Building,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside and have to advise that your material is unsuitable for acceptance because of the large number of teeth included therein which must be removed together with the amalgam before being accepted by the Mint.

It is also necessary when forwarding deposits that each shipment be accompanied by a letter of advice as they are not entered on our books and paid for until such a letter has been received.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your material will be returned you for its proper preparation as a deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

April 21, 1931

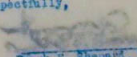
Mr. George Woods,
Hoganville, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant enclosing a small sample of rock for analysis and in reply have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to do commercial assaying and I am therefore unable to send you any information concerning your samples but they do not appear to be of a character that would contain any of the precious metals.

I am returning your samples herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ENCL
Enclosure

April 23, 1931

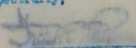
First National Bank,
Mr. E. M. Brickley, Cashier,
Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and in reply have to advise that the gold forwarded by you weighs upon receipt here .66 of one troy ounce and in view of the fact that the Mint does not accept for purchase deposits having a value under \$100.00, I am unable to buy this small quantity.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

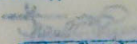
April 23, 1931

The Buffalo Exploration & Mining Company,
Mr. H. A. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer,
Room 5, McIntyre Building,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering your note of the 21st instant, I have to advise that the Mint will furnish triplicate reports covering returns on deposits from your placer mine if you will kindly indicate in your letter transmitting your deposit your desire for such copies until further notice and state the parties to whom you desire them sent.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 23, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your
voucher-check No. 7077, in amount \$1.20, covering com-
mission on collection from telephone booth Main-9972,
for the period March 11, 1931, to April 14, 1931.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

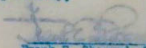
April 23, 1931

Mr. Richard W. Holsten,
Farmers State Bank,
Dodge, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I have to advise that only the \$20 gold piece and one-cent bronze pieces have been manufactured at this Mint during the current calendar year and if you desire any of these coins, your application should be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

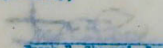
April 23, 1931

Mrs. Earl E. Myers,
Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to their value or to whom they could be sold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 23, 1931

Mr. A. E. Shaffer,
Beaver City, Nebraska. Box 114.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to their value or to whom they could be sold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F

April 24, 1931

The Bank of Del Norte,
Del Norte, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant and accompanying consignment of gold and have to advise that under the regulations deposits must have a value of at least \$100. in order to be accepted for purchase. Under these conditions I regret to say I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your small button, weighing upon receipt here 1.81 troy ounces, will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 24, 1931

Mr. Thomas T. Cooper,
20 North Herace Street,
Woodbury, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, please be advised that our stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been entirely exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request for some of these coins.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

April 24, 1931

Mr. M. B. Clark,
1706 East Gold Avenue,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside and have to advise that while no letter of advice has been received from you regarding this shipment, the Mint does not accept deposits which have a value under \$100.00.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold teeth will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 25, 1931

The Buffalo Exploration & Mining Company,
Mr. H. A. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer,
Room 5, McIntyre Building,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant,
please be advised that the regulations do not permit but
one payment in liquidating deposits under which condition
I regret to say I cannot comply with your request to pay 15%
royalty to Whithead & Vogl, Attorneys, as requested by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

April 25, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your remittance of \$6. in cash as commission on collection from telephone booth Ks-9726 for the period March 11 to April 14, 1931.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:K

April 27, 1931

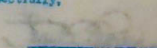
Muriel Trayler,
415 East Alta Street,
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant and under separate cover your consignment consisting of a bottle weighing 1.56 troy ounces and a small retort weighing .37 of a troy ounce, and have to say that under the regulations I cannot accept deposits having a value under \$100.00 which, of course, your material would not anywhere near approximate.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your consignment will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

April 27, 1931

Miss Viola Oesterreicher,
4165 Concordia Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Miss Viola:

I have your postal card of the 26th instant and in reply I regret to say that I cannot be of any assistance to you in connection with your history class as the Mint has no pictures or circulars for distribution pertaining to the operation of the Mints.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

April 27, 1931

Mr. C. J. Danshee, Manager,
Des Moines Telephone Exchange,
Des Moines, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the burned coins mentioned in your letter of the 25th instant, please be advised that without an examination I am unable to say what may be done regarding reimbursing you in connection therewith. I would suggest that you send the coins here for examination when you will be duly advised as to what may be done in the matter.

Kindly accompany these coins with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

QHR

April 27, 1931

Kuegge Drug Company,
Baker, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

Your letter addressed to the Denver Assay Office under date of the 24th instant has been referred to this institution as apparently there is no such concern in this city.

In reply I have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of ore samples or do commercial assaying. However, I am appending the names of several assayers in this city who may be able to do this work for you but the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers and these names are suggested merely as a matter of convenience to you.

Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street
Colorado Assaying Company, 2013 Welton Street
J. W. Richards & Son, 1118 - 19th Street,
Henry E. Wood Assaying Company, 1750 Arapahoe Street.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHAT

April 28, 1931

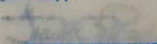
Dr. H. Talpers,
Daly Building,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment to this institution which weighed upon receipt here 5.09 troy ounces, I regret to say I am unable to accept this deposit as the Mint regulations require that each deposit must have a value not less than \$100.

In order to render your material acceptable for purchase it will require at least two ounces more of similar material and if you can send this additional material I shall be glad to have to you do so but if not, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance and your consignment will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 26, 1931

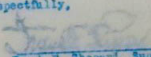
Bank of Del Norte,
Del Norte, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 25th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the but-
ton of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, us-
ing the 25¢ stamp enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	6¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps enclosed	4¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

April 28, 1931

Dr. C. V. McCormack,
918 Gary State Bank Building,
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your recent consignment to this institution, please be advised that I have returned it to you today by express, collect, and am returning herewith the \$5.00 in currency you enclosed with your letter of the 23rd instant to cover the expense of its return. Your material is being forwarded to you by express instead of by mail as this appears to be the best method in order to properly insure it.

In view of the fact that you are under the impression your prior consignment was forwarded in proper condition, please find herewith copy of your letter of November 12, 1930, from which you will note it was also necessary at that time to return your material for assortment.

Trusting this action is satisfactory to you,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosures

April 28, 1921

McKean Mercantile Company,
Morwood, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 25th instant and have to advise that the Mint cannot accept deposits in the form of amalgam and since you seem to have anticipated this and request me to turn your gold over to some one who is reliable in the event I could not accept it, I have to say that while the Mint does not recommend outside dealers nor assume any responsibility when small deposits are turned over to them at the request of depositors, I would suggest in this instance that your material be turned over to Burlingame & Parker, who have a retort and are therefore equipped to treat it. If this is satisfactory to you, kindly authorize me to deliver your material to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, with instructions to make returns direct to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

April 28, 1931

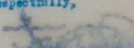
Mr. D. D. Moss,
202 Main Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date but up to the present time have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. Your consignment therefore has not been entered on our books for treatment as letters of advice are necessary in all cases.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 28, 1931

Mrs. Carolina Eisen,
Seward, Kansas, R.F.D. No. 1, Box 15.

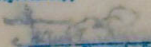
Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and regret to say I cannot be of any assistance to you relative to purchasing the different articles you have forwarded here under separate cover, as your package contains one brass watch lid, one filled watch lid and a filled chain, all of which have very little value. The piece of stone enclosed by you is pyrites of iron and has no value whatever.

All deposits to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a value of at least \$100.00 and no smaller deposits are received.

Please send me the necessary postage for the return and insurance on these articles.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 23, 1931

Mr. Henry Josephson,
Rollinsville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter and deposit under date of the 27th instant, the latter upon receipt here weighing 4.82 troy ounces, please be advised that as no deposits are accepted for purchase having a value under \$100.00, I cannot enter your material for treatment.

It will require at least three ounces more of similar material to render your deposit acceptable for purchase and if you can send this additional material, I shall be very glad to have you do so but if not, kindly advise what disposition you desire made of your consignment,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

April 29, 1931

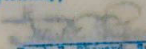
Universal Refining & Research Company,
C/o Burlingame & Parker,
1901 Lawrence Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your recent deposit at this institution No. 1653, please be advised that after considerable effort your metal has been treated and put in suitable shape for acceptance as a deposit and I have 96.93 troy ounces of iron slag, etc., which I will thank you to call and get.

Owing to the difficulty in treating such consignments, I have to request that in future you put them in proper condition before bringing them to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

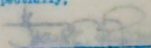
April 29, 1931

Mr. M. E. McDonald,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 27th instant I have to advise that it is not necessary to furnish an affidavit relative to jewelry scrap forwarded by you to this institution. Should you furnish any original gold, that is metal which has been mined by you, information as to its source and your title thereto should be furnished the Mint but such conditions do not apply to jewelry scrap.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

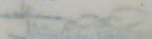
April 29, 1931

Miss Peggy Milburn,
Lusk, Wyoming. Box 486

Dear Miss Milburn:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant,
please be advised that you are misinformed relative to the
Mint paying seven cents apiece for Indian head pennies as
the Mint does not deal in old coins in any way nor pay a
premium thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

April 25, 1931

Mr. R. D. Mickle,
Superintendent, Veterans' Division
U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant and in reply have to advise that as noted in the letter from the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, of which you enclose a copy, ex-service men are by law given marked advantage over others when selections are made from the eligible list furnished by the Commission, practically all names being selected from these lists for appointment both temporary and probational.

At the present time no appointments either temporary or probational are contemplated at this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

April 30, 1921

Brannon Jewelry Company,
Benham, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With further reference to your consignment at this institution, I have to advise that the additional gold, gold filled and sterling forwarded by you was added to your first shipment and the mass melted and assayed and is now found to contain an excess of the base metals under which conditions it cannot be purchased by the Mint and your deposit has accordingly been rejected and the charges incurred up to the time of its rejection imposed, amounting to \$1.

If you will kindly refer to my letter to you of the 20th instant, you will note that your first shipment did not contain a sufficient amount of the precious metals and the gold and gold filled material forwarded by you in your second shipment instead of increasing its precious metal content only added to its base metal content and therefore did not remedy the conditions to which I called your attention and which I anticipated would cause its rejection.

If you desire to reenter this deposit, it will be necessary for you to send approximately seven ounces of high grade silver, but before this can be done the above charges will have to be paid which I will thank you to remit by money order.

Awaiting your further instructions, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

April 30, 1931

Mr. Marvin E. Clark,
1706 East Gold Avenue,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your instructions I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, being the 10¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	1¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamp enclosed	1¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

April 30, 1931

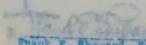
Mr. Marvin B. Clark,
1706 East Gold Avenue,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your instructions I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, being the 10¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	1¢
Insurance	6¢
Stamp enclosed	2¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

April 30, 1931

Mrs. Raymond E. Kimbrell,
6436 Baltimore Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins and I therefore have no information as to the value of the gold dollar referred to in your letter.

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Stamped envelope returned

April 30, 1931

First National Bank,
Garrison, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions I have this day returned to you by mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you for the account of one of your customers to the Mint for purchase, using the \$4 enclosed with your letter for that purpose.

I regret that I was not able to assist you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

April 30, 1931

Mrs. W. L. Lawrence,
Dove Creek, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 28th instant and in reply would suggest that you send your \$2.00 gold piece to the Mint for examination and if it is still recognizable as a gold coin of the United States, you will be reimbursed either for its face value or its bullion value depending upon its condition.

Respectfully,

Frank D. Chubb
Frank D. Chubb, Superintendent

WLF

April 30, 1931

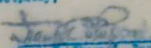
Mr. Tom Stevens,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant (unsigned) relative to the amalgam which you are under the impression has been stolen from you by W. C. Hagan, and have to advise that up to the present time no one by that name has presented such material for deposit at the Mint.

While the Mint does not accept deposits in the form of amalgam, you will be notified promptly should this party appear at this institution with such a deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 1, 1931

Mr. A. O. Baugher,
853 South Gaylord Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, please be advised that this institution will purchase old gold in the form of dental scrap, old jewelry, etc., when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold and silver content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

When forwarding old jewelry such as watchcases, spectacle frames and similar material, I would suggest that you always include a liberal amount of pure silver as these articles are composed largely of base metal and contain very little gold.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in this matter and if there is any additional information you desire, please advise me or call at the Mint where all possible assistance will be rendered you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

May 1, 1931

Mr. F. S. Kreyer,
24 South Chadbourne Street,
San Angelo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

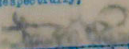
Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, please be advised that this institution will purchase old gold in the form of dental scrap, old jewelry, etc., when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold and silver content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

When forwarding old jewelry such as watchcases, spectacle frames and similar material, I would suggest that you always include a liberal amount of pure silver as these articles are composed largely of base metal and contain very little gold.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in this matter and if there is any additional information you desire, please advise me.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 2, 1931

Mr. George Hoffman,
5316 Baskin Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 30th ultimo, I regret that I cannot be of any assistance to you in supplying information relative to the operations of the Mint as no literature or pictures pertaining thereto are available for distribution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 2, 1931

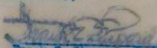
H. H. Tennant Company,
162 South Main Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo requesting a gold bar in payment of your consignment of that date, please be advised that after treating your material and deducting our charges less than \$100.00 in value remained and as the law does not permit the issue of gold bars of less than five ounces, it is necessary to forward you check in payment.

In future when you desire pure gold in exchange kindly forward sufficient gold to insure your deposit having a value of at least \$100.00 after all mint charges have been deducted. Check in payment is being forwarded you under separate cover.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 2, 1931

James R. Hyde & Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date but up to the present time have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this shipment and as no deposits can be entered on our books for treatment until such advice has been received, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning same.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 2, 1931

Master Fred Krueger,
1260 St. Paul Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Master Krueger:

I have your card of recent date enclosing a one cent bronze piece with Indian head on the obverse side and have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins and never pays a premium thereon. If there is a premium on this coin it would be paid only by coin collectors.

I am returning herewith the piece forwarded by you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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May 4, 1931

Mr. Mack Vassar,
Morton, Texas, Route 1.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of recent date enclosing sample of mineral and have to advise that while the Mint does not make an analysis of such material, your samples are undoubtedly galena or what is commonly called lead sulfid. The Mint does not purchase material of this kind and your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

May 4, 1931

Mr. Henry Josephson,
Hollinsville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 3rd instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
small gold retort forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
using the 34¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	12¢
Registry fee	20¢
Stamp returned	2¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

May 4, 1931

Mr. Walter Knapp,
Cottonwood, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo,
please be advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold
in minimum lots of \$100.00 and pays for same at the rate
of \$20.57 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained there-
in, less, of course, our customary charges.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some
assistance to you when making shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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May 4, 1931

Mr. Joe Masinter,
Hotel Kingcade,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

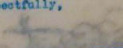
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, I have to say that the Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the gold and silver content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit - 10, 14 and 18 karat gold under these conditions being satisfactory.

The Mint does not quote on gold at different finenesses but pays \$20.67 for each troy ounces of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price for silver, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits, less, of course, our customary charges.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits and when forwarding any consignments kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

May 4, 1931

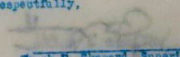
Mr. M. Solar,
317 - 7th Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit of the 2nd instant, which you state contains some platinum, please be advised that the Mint does not make any allowance for this metal when contained in gold deposits nor undertake to separate the platinum therefrom and return it to the depositor.

Under these conditions, I have to request that you will advise me if you are willing to waive any platinum values contained in your deposit, or if you desire your deposit returned to you. In the latter event, please forward the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 4, 1931

McKean Mercantile Company,
Norwood, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 30th ultimo,
I have this day delivered to Burlingame & Parker of this
city, your recent consignment to this institution which
weighed upon receipt here 7.02 troy ounces, and have re-
quested them to make returns direct to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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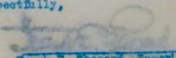
May 4, 1931

Mr. J. M. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and under separate cover am in receipt of a deposit with the name of A. W. Siegel on the outside. If this is the consignment to which you have reference in your letter, kindly advise me and state as nearly as may be possible the nature and weight of its contents in order that I may be sure no mistake is being made in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 4, 1931

Mr. B. W. Frank,
Melbourne Hotel,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment under date of the 1st instant weighing upon receipt here 280.85 troy ounces, and have to advise that it does not appear that your material will contain sufficient gold to render it acceptable for purchase - a large part of it consisting of base metal. In order to offset the high base metal content in this consignment, I estimate that at least 40 ounces of high-grade silver will be needed.

Should I proceed to treat your consignment as it now stands, it would undoubtedly have to be rejected and our charges up to the time of its rejection imposed.

Kindly advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 4, 1931

Mr. M. F. Goldberg,
6536 Loomis Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant in reference to the charges imposed by the Mint for treating your deposit No. 1633 (our deposit No. 2130), please be advised that the table of charges requires that on each deposit containing 25% or more of white gold alloys an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof shall be imposed and that when the base metal content is between 750 to 799 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths, the parting and refining charge shall be 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on the after-melting weight.

As your deposit weighed 416.22 troy ounces and contained a gold fineness of .050, it was necessary to apply this 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ %-charge. Your deposit therefore carried a white gold alloy charge of \$5.00 and \$36.41 on account of its excessive base metal content.

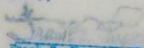
I am enclosing a copy of our table of charges and also a summary of your recent deposits at this institution from which you will be able to figure out the conditions

which make the above charges referred to applicable to your metal.

In future if you can forward with your deposits a generous amount of high-grade silver, the parting and refining charge will be lessened proportionately.

If you desire any further information on this subject I shall be glad to furnish it to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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May 6, 1931

Mr. Bernard Holtum,
Centennial, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 5th instant, please be advised that deposits of placer gold should be as free from black sand and other foreign substances as it may be possible to prepare them. I would suggest that you comply with this requirement as far as possible if you contemplate forwarding your gold here and in addition have to state that it is necessary that your shipment have a value of at least \$100.00 - the regulations not permitting the acceptance of deposits of smaller amounts.

Please find enclosed a circular containing further information regarding deposits at the Mint and should you forward any gold here, it will have my careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

May 6, 1931

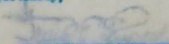
The First National Bank,
Mr. W. E. Paris, Vice President,
Monte, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I regret to say that I am unable to accept the small amount of gold forwarded by you on the 4th instant as the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a value under \$100.

Kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 6, 1931

Mr. J. R. Warrington,
308 South First Street,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date and under separate cover two lots of miscellaneous material and have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100.00 nor furnish estimates thereon.

If you can send approximately three ounces more of similar material, your consignment would probably be accepted for purchase. If you do not care to do this, however, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some interest to you should you desire to forward any shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

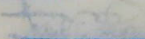
May 6, 1931

Mr. Vern W. Carlson,
Y. M. C. A.,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I have to advise that so far as I am aware the five-cent nickel coins of 1883 have no value in excess of their face but in view of the fact that the Government does not deal in old coins I would not, of course, have any information as to what value these coins have among private collectors.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 7, 1921

Dr. W. E. Davis,
221 Commerce Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase dental scrap, etc., when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content of the deposit is equal to approximately one-fourth of its weight.

The Mint does not make any allowance for platinum nor undertake to separate that metal when forwarded with gold deposits. Kindly remove all foreign substances should you forward any dust or shavings.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and which I trust will be of some assistance to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK,T

May 8, 1931

Hon. Scott Leavitt,
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 6th relative to proposed visit in Denver of students and members of faculty of Montana School of Mines.

I received a letter from Dr. Francis A. Thomson regarding this trip and very much regretted having to advise him that under present instructions we were not permitted to have visitors at this Mint.

Personally, I would be very much pleased to show any courtesies to this group but the only way we could be permitted to arrange for this visit would be under instructions from Hon. R. J. Grant, Director of the Mint at Washington, D. C. If you will wire Mr. Grant for authority to admit this group, we shall be pleased to carry out any instructions from him.

With kind regards, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

FMS:T

May 8, 1931

The American Metal Company, Ltd.,
Refinery Department,
61 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, please be advised that the only transactions had by this institution with the Balbach Smelting & Refining Company within recent years have been in connection with the treatment and sale of our sweeps containing gold, silver, platinum, etc.

In view of the fact that such material is accumulated very slowly and shipments are therefore made only at long intervals, there has been no occasion recently to obtain proposals for the treatment and purchase of such sweeps but when the Mint is again in the market for quotations of this character, I shall be glad to advise you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

May 8, 1931

Muriel Trayler,
415 East Alta Street,
Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request regarding the return of the consignment forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, I have this day returned this material to you by express, collect.

Regretting my inability to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 6, 1931

Fricke-Bloom Company,
609½ East 31st Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your deposit under date of May 5th, which weighed upon receipt here 14.34 troy ounces, please be advised that after melting and assaying your material it has been found to contain less than \$100.00, which is the minimum amount deposits may have in order to be accepted for purchase. It has therefore been rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed which I have to request you will remit by money order at your earliest convenience.

If you desire your bar will be returned you by express C.O.D., or if you desire to reenter it as a deposit, it will be necessary for you to send gold having a value of at least \$10.00 to be added thereto - the above charges, however, will have to be paid before your deposit can be reentered, or returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Francis W. Hughes, Superintendent

Respectfully,

an assay has been made of your material.
 regarding which, however, you will be further advised after
 consent, you may forward it here to the Mint for purchase,
 of \$4.00 and if the material should prove to be of high gold
 and silver determination will be made for you at a charge
 your city; you may forward a small sample here and a gold
 If you are unable to have the material assayed in
 time to be gold.
 you have him assay a sample of the material which you de-
 sired would suggest if there is an assayer in your city that
 I have your letter of the 2nd instant and in re-

Dear Sir:

Wm. H. D. Williams,
 Beaumont, Kansas.

May 2, 1901

May 8, 1931

Mr. C. J. Danshee, Manager,
Des Moines Telephone Exchange,
Des Moines, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note on my letter to you of the 27th ultimo in which you state you have forwarded 30 of the standard silver dollars mentioned in your letter of the 25th ultimo, I have to advise that twenty of these pieces appear to be uncurrent and ~~two~~ are considered mutilated for which you will probably be reimbursed for the full face value of the uncurrent and the metal value amounting to about 25¢ each for the mutilated.

Before definite action, however, may be taken in this matter, the regulations require that a report be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., advising him of my classification of your coins and his authority obtained to pay you as above stated.

Since you mentioned in your first letter that you had 40 or 50 of these burned coins and desired to know what action could be taken to redeem them, I would suggest that you forward the entire lot in order that the condition of all may

be taken up with the Treasurer when making my report.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 11, 1931

Mr. Carl S. Milikan,
Jury Commissioner, City & County of Denver,
33 Court House, Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your summons to James W. Coff
(No. 3506) for jury duty, I have to state that Mr. Coff
is regularly employed at this institution as general
helper and as our force is quite limited it would be
very inconvenient to spare him for such work at this
time and I would appreciate your courtesy if you would
kindly exempt him from this service.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

May 11, 1931

Mr. David K. Claff,
Tubac, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 6th instant, please be advised that this institution will purchase placer gold, gold retorts and bar gold when sent in lots having a value not under \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

As you do not state definitely of what your matte consists I am unable to give you any information regarding its acceptability as a deposit by the Mint but if it complies with the foregoing requirements it would probably be suitable.

I am enclosing a circular regarding the method of making deposits at the Mint which I would suggest you read carefully and please note that any shipments to the Mint must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

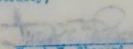
May 12, 1931

Mr. L. E. Kantor,
Professor of Economics,
Nebraska State Teachers College,
Kearney, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th instant and in reply have to say that a number of years ago the Secretary of the Treasury prohibited the receiving of any visitors whatsoever at the Mint and as such regulations are still in force, I regret to say that no visitors may be received at this time.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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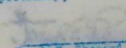
May 12, 1931

Mr. Frank Salts, Jr.,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 11th instant, I have to advise that I am holding for your account two small retorts weighing 3.15 troy ounces and will be very glad if you will send the additional amount necessary to increase the value of your deposit to \$100.00 in order that the matter may be settled as our storage space is very limited.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

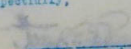
May 12, 1931

Mr. Frank Salts, Jr.,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 11th instant, I have to advise that I am holding for your account two small retorts weighing 3.15 troy ounces and will be very glad if you will send the additional amount necessary to increase the value of your deposit to \$100.00 in order that the matter may be settled as our storage space is very limited.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

May 15, 1931

Dr. C. R. Simpson,
Dodge City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

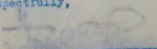
I have your consignment under date of the 11th instant, weighing upon receipt here 5.16 troy ounces, and have to advise that at the present time no deposits are received having a value under \$100.00, which value I do not think your material will contain. Perhaps two ounces more of similar material would supply the deficiency.

I also have to advise that the Mint does not make any allowance for platinum contained in deposits and it will be necessary for you to waive payment for any platinum which may be found in your consignment.

Awaiting your further advise in the matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 13, 1931

Mr. Charles B. Thorn,
Young Men's Christian Association,
Rock Island, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 11th instant and in reply have to advise that we have no standard schedule of rates for the payment of wages of unskilled laborers at this institution - the minimum at the present time being \$4.80 per day.

In this connection please be advised that there are no vacancies at the Mint and appointments are made only from an eligible list established by the United States Civil Service Commission when it is necessary to fill any vacancy.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 4th 1931

Jonas Olson & Company,
627 Fourth Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I have your consignment of recent date but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto and under these circumstances cannot enter your deposit for treatment and purchase.

Please advise me promptly concerning this consignment.

respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 14, 1921

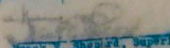
F. J. Grosscup & Company,
948 North Wacker Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment at this institution, which weighed upon receipt here 15.78 troy ounces, I now have to advise that after melting and assaying this material I find that its value falls several dollars under the minimum value deposits must have in order to be accepted for purchase. Under these conditions the regulations require that it shall be rejected and such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection be imposed. I have therefore to request that you will forward me money order for \$1.00 in payment of such charges.

Should you desire to forward some additional material to be added to the above consignment, this may be done and the lot resubmitted as a new deposit. Before such action can be taken, however, the charges applying on the original consignment must be paid.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 14, 1951

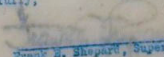
Fricke-Bloom Company,
809½ East 1st Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 11th instant and also the additional material forwarded by you which weighs upon receipt here 1.48 troy ounces, and have to advise that I cannot proceed to treat your consignment by adding this additional material to that which I already hold for your account until the melting charges on your prior consignment have been paid. If you will kindly refer to my letter of the 8th instant you will note that this condition was fully explained therein.

Upon receipt of a money order for \$1.00 liquidating the melting charges on your first shipment, I will proceed to treat your two consignments and forward you check in payment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

May 14, 1931

First National Bank,
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment under date of the 13th instant which weighs upon receipt here 3.91 troy ounces instead of 5 ounces as stated by you.

I regret to say I cannot enter this consignment for treatment as the Mint does not accept deposits having a value under \$100.00 and in order to render your consignment acceptable for purchase as a deposit, it will be necessary for you to send practically the same amount of additional gold.

I am holding your shipment therefore until advised by you regarding your wishes in the matter and should you desire its return, please send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard Superintendent

OH:T

May 15, 1961

First National Bank,
DENVER, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of May 9th requesting me to turn over your deposit at this institution to some Denver firm and suggesting W. E. Burlingame and Company, if they are still in business, I have to advise that your material was delivered yesterday to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, who are the successors of W. E. Burlingame and Company, with the request that returns be made direct to you.

I am returning herewith 25¢ in stamps forwarded with your letter as this postage was not needed in the event your bulidex was turned over to a local dealer.

Trusting my action in this matter is satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

May 18, 1961

The Prud'homme Stores Company,
Attention: Mr. S. F. Martin,
Prud'homme, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, please be advised that the regulations require that all deposits of gold in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a minimum value of \$400. Should your friend be able to obtain placer gold aggregating that value, I shall be very glad to receive it at the Mint and make prompt payment therefor.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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May 15, 1931

Mr. J. E. Harrington,
303 South First Street,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 13th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the
jewelry scrap forwarded by you to this institution for purchase,
using the 50¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter
as follows:

Postage	12¢
Registry fee	20¢
Stamps returned	18¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

May 16, 1931

Dr. E. A. Ihle,
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

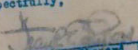
Dear Sir:

Referring to your note of the 12th instant forwarding 3.20 troy ounces of burned filings for assay, please be advised that the Mint does not make assays of the kind desired by you, bullion assays being limited to gold and silver, and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your filings will be returned you.

Should you contemplate at any time forwarding to the Mint deposits for purchase, I have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits. All consignments, however, must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain approximately one-fourth of their weight in the precious metals. No allowance is made for platinum and the Mint does not undertake to separate that metal when contained in deposits and return it to the depositor.

You will find enclosed a circular relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint which may be of some further assistance to you in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 16, 1931

First National Bank,
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

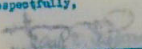
Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request of recent date, I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small consignment forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the postage furnished by you (30¢) as follows:

Postage	10¢
Registry fee	20¢

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

May 16, 1931

Ft. Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Ironside Place, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

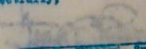
Referring to your letter of the 14th instant in
which you state -

"In making express shipment to you -(this morning)
this date - a quantity of gold - some 28 Dets was
left out - it is going forward by mail - will you
please combine the two - 1 express and 1 mail ship-
ments - "

I have to advise that the shipment supposed to contain 26
Dets. above referred to upon receipt here weighs 93/100 of
a troy ounce - the shipment by express weighing 10.10 troy
ounces - a total of 11.03 troy ounces.

Owing to the discrepancy above indicated, I have to
request that you will advise me promptly if the weights as
received here are satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat
your consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shapard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 18, 1931

Messrs Salbarn & Martyn,
1816 E. 8th Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your note of the 12th instant and in reply have to say that I am in doubt as to just what you mean by gold concentrates.

The Mint accepts for purchase deposits having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject if it is your wish to obtain information relative to the sale of gold to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

PH:t

Enclosure

May 16, 1931

Mr. J. F. Kahn,
Route 5, Box 574 A
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, please
be advised that the Government never recalls any of its
coins nor pays a premium thereon nor deals in old coins in
any manner.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 20, 1931

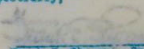
The Eagle Jewelry Company,
1301 Douglas Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen: —

With reference to your deposit of the 19th instant, I have to advise that 25 steel hat pins, weighing 1.39 troy ounces, were removed from your other material owing to the fact that these pins contain no value in gold and silver and would only increase the base metal content of your deposit.

If you desire the return of these hat pins, please forward me the necessary postage and if not, please advise me that I may throw them away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:f

May 20, 1931

The Brannon Jewelry Company,
Bonham, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant inclosing \$1.00 in payment of melting charges on your consignment and stating that you would be able to make a shipment of seven ounces of silver in a few days to supply the deficiency in the precious metal content of your deposit and which caused its rejection, I have to advise that this silver has not yet been received from you and under the conditions I cannot, of course, reenter your material for treatment as this silver is necessary in order to bring its precious metal content up to the necessary amount to meet our requirements.

Awaiting your further advice in the matter, I

am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

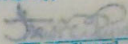
May 21, 1931

Mr. Carl Carlson,
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company,
26th & Blake Streets,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to the value of the so-called Indian head penny. If this coin sells at a premium, such premium would only be paid by private coin collectors as the Government does not recall any coins nor pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

May 21, 1931

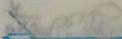
Mr. Bernard A. Tahash,
Howard, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 20th instant, I have to advise that the minimum value of deposits received for purchase is \$100.00. The Mint pays \$20.57 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less a melting charge of \$1.00 up to and including 1000 ounces and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces and a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which will no doubt be of further assistance to you in preparing your shipment to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:?
Enclosure

May 21, 1931

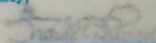
Mr. Henry Alderette,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a shipment of bullion which bears your name on the outside of the wrapper but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this consignment.

As deposits are not entered on our books and treated without a letter of advice, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning your material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CU:T

May 22, 1931

Mr. C. E. McKee,
607 - North 11th Street,
Marysville, Kansas.

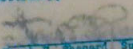
Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 20th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold and silver scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold and silver content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint pays \$80.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price (less the fraction) which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit for silver.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

May 22, 1931

H. John Loan Company,
14 North Jackson Street,
Danville, Illinois.

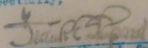
Gentlemen:

Replying to your note of the 20th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold and silver scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold and silver content is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit. If gold filled watches are included in the consignment, they must be accompanied by sufficient good gold and silver to meet the above requirements.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price (less the fraction) which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 26, 1931

Mr. A. Simon,
Corralles, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 22nd instant which you state weighs from 11 to 15 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 7.31 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat same I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

I am enclosing a card which I have to ask that you fill out as completely as possible and return to me after signing same where indicated.

The Mint does not have for sale scales for weighing gold. Perhaps you could obtain information as to the cost of such scales from Ainsworth & Sons of this city.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

Enclosure

May 25, 1921

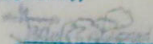
Mr. L. T. Trustee,
1021 East 3rd Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the enclosed sample of black sand received from you, please be advised that the Mint does not make assays of material of this kind.

Your sand does not appear to contain any values in the precious metals and is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

May 26, 1951

Mr. Walter M. Craig,
1116 Jackson Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that application for new coins must now be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

This Mint does not manufacture proof coins, nor do I think any of the Mints at the present time dispose of coins in proof condition.

Commemorative Half Dollars are nearly always sold by the organizations which promote their issue and are not sold by the Mint. They usually sell for double their face value.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:2

Enclosure

May 25, 1931

Mr. P. J. Schuls,
C/o Jaccard Jewelry Company,
1017 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

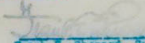
Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that this institution will accept consignments of filings and gold scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. No allowance is made for platinum nor does the Mint undertake to separate that metal and return it to the depositor.

If you desire, payment may be made in Mint fine gold bars or fine silver bars but no fine gold bars are issued in amounts less than five troy ounces, nor can both fine gold and fine silver bars be issued in payment for the silver and gold content of the same deposit; that is, only fine gold bars may be issued for the gold content or fine silver bars for the silver content. Payment for the balance due in either case will be made by check.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our table of charges from which you can, no doubt, estimate what the Mint charges

will be after determining the nature of the material you will forward here for disposal. Should you desire any further information in the premises, same will be gladly furnished you and such consignments as you may send here will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

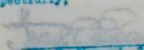
May 25, 1931

Mr. Rowland K. Goddard,
United States Secret Service Operative,
Post Office Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

I am enclosing herewith letter and photograph
received this day from S. Trujillo Martinez, Chief of the
Secret Service, Havana, Cuba, which no doubt will be of
some interest to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

May 25, 1931

Mr. S. Trujillo Martinez, M.M.
Chief of the Secret Service,
Havana, Cuba.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant and accompanying photograph of counterfeit coins and have to thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

It may be of some interest to you to know that the United States coins with the Mint mark "S" are manufactured at the United States Mint at San Francisco and those with the letter "D" at the United States Mint at Denver. The United States Mint at New Orleans, now discontinued, had the Mint mark "O".

Your letter and photograph have this day been turned over the the local representative of the United States Secret Service for such action as he may deem proper in the premises.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 25, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Arcade Place, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant forwarding a package of gold and silver bullion which you invoice at 10.75 troy ounces with a value of \$105.00, and which weighed upon receipt here 10.86 troy ounces, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this consignment, I find that its value falls below the minimum amount received by the Mint and has been rejected in accordance with the regulations. I have therefore to request that you will send me a money order for \$1.00 to cover the melting charges on this bullion, and should you desire to reenter it, that you will send about \$10 or \$15 more in bullion to be added thereto in order that it will have the required value. Before your bar can be reentered, however, the foregoing charges must be paid.

Awaiting your further instructions in the matter,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

May 26, 1931

Mr. Thomas L. Elder,
Room 510, No. Eight West 37th Street,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 23rd instant, please be advised that application for new coins of any denomination must now be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall be glad to send you the desired coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

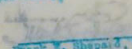
May 26, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your cash remittance of \$1.47 as commissions on
telephone booth Ks-9725 and Ma-9972 amounting to
88¢ and 88¢, respectively, for the period April
14, 1931 to May 13, 1931.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 26, 1931

Mrs. Carolina Elsen,
Seward, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request I have this day
returned to you by mail the material forwarded by
you to the mint for purchase and have used the 4¢ en-
closed with your letter as follows:

Postage 3¢
Stamp enclosed . . . 1¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepar, Superintendent

Enclosure

May 26, 1931

Mr. Ray B. Judkins,
Longmont, Colorado. Box 112

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment of recent date which together with the bottle containing same weighs upon receipt here 23/100 of a troy ounce and have to advise that the Mint does not accept for purchase deposits having a value less than \$100. Under these conditions I regret to say I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter and will return the little bottle and its contents to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, which kindly forward at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

~~Frank E. Shepard, Association~~

CE:2

May 27, 1931

Mr. C. F. Wright,
604 A South Adams,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 26th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will accept deposits of old gold jewelry and dental scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content (pure gold and silver) is equal to approximately one-fourth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and will add that any deposits you may forward to this Mint will receive prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures
2; stamp returned

May 27, 1931

Mr. L. W. Ladd,
Golden, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 26th instant, I have to advise that when forwarding placer gold as much of the black sand should be removed as may be possible. Of course, deposits of this kind are not expected to be entirely free but an effort should be made to forward the gold as free from foreign substances as practicable.

Deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a value of at least \$100.

Enclosed you will find a circular which may be of some assistance to you in connection with preparing shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2

Enclosure

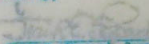
May 27, 1931

Mr. John P. Drakes,
Murrey Theater Building,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment with your name both on the outside and inside of the wrapper but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this material which is necessary before your deposit can be treated for purchase. Kindly advise me promptly and oblige.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

May 27, 1931

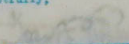
Mr. D. Masini,
272 Block "I"
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small consignment which you believe to be gold dust and have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, your sand does not appear to contain any gold, although possibly a trace of silver.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your sand will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 28, 1931

Taylor Raymond Jewelry Company,
Durango, Colorado.

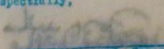
Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that after melting and assaying your material I find that its value falls considerably below \$100.00 which is the minimum amount received for purchase and your bar has accordingly been rejected and charges amounting to \$1.00 imposed thereon which kindly remit by money order at your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to reenter this material as a new deposit, it will be necessary for you to send gold and silver scrap having a value of approximately \$40.00 in order to bring your bar up to the minimum amount required, but before this material can be reentered the above charges must be paid.

Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience and oblige,

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

May 28, 1931

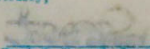
Mr. John H. Vinson,
Wenoka, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note of the 26th instant forwarding some samples of rock for assay, please be advised that the Mint does not make analyses of such material. Work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 per gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Should you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage, otherwise they will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 26, 1931

Mr. Howard Haines,
Cashier, First State Bank,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant and in reply regret to say that the Government does not publish any photographs of minting machinery and it has not been the policy in late years to permit outsiders to obtain same through photographic agencies.

From your description of the articles you are writing, I have no doubt they will prove both informative and interesting to bankers as well as the general public and I regret I cannot have the pleasure of being any assistance to you in their preparation.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:3

May 26, 1931

Mr. Albert Newman,
923 Rose Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment which you state in your letter of the 22nd instant you are forwarding to this institution, please be advised that to date this consignment has not been received and I thought it proper to call your attention thereto.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

May 29, 1931

Mr. J. M. Renshaw,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 28th instant, I have to advise that all deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less \$1.00 for melting and a treatment charge which in the case of placer gold would not amount to very much.

Please accompany any consignments which you may forward here with a letter of advice and state the name of the mine and the location of same from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

May 29, 1931

Mr. Antonio Simoni,
Cerrillos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant, I have to advise that your consignment including the bottle weighed practically eleven troy ounces and my reference to the weight of your deposit included the contents of the bottle only. Your package had the three seals as stated by you.

If you will refer to the last paragraph of my letter, you will note that I gave you the address of Ainsworth and Sons, Denver, Colorado, as a probable source from which you could buy scales for weighing gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 1, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Arcade Place, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter on the back of my communication of the 25th ultimo in which you ask if I have received both "small mail shipments", I have now to advise that I have received from you three small shipments by mail as follows:

No. 1 -

Received May 18th, consisting of 93/100 of a troy ounce of jewelry which was added to the consignment received by express on May 16th, weighing 10.10 troy ounces. Please see settlement memorandum No. 1797;

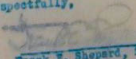
No. 2 -

Received May 19th, consisting of dental scrap weighing 1.28 troy ounces concerning which I wrote you on the 23rd asking for instructions regarding its treatment and which has now been added to your consignment which it was necessary to reject on account of the fact that it fell below the minimum value of deposits received. These lots will be paid for and covered by our settlement memorandum No. 1855;

No. 3 -

Received May 25th, weighing 83/100 of a troy ounce and in accordance with your letter of May 21st was added to the express consignment received May 23rd. Please see our settlement memorandum No. 1814.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 1, 1931

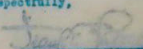
Mr. E. M. Adams,
Manager, Buck Mining Corporation,
1335 North Royer Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I regret that I was not in when you called at the Mint but have to advise that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and all black sand should be removed as far as it may be possible to do so.

Such consignments as you may send to this Mint will receive my prompt attention and I have to ask that you will accompany each shipment with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

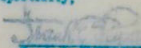
June 1, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing standard form No. 40 - Contract
for Telephone Service at this Institution for the Fiscal
Year ending June 30, 1932,— and have to request that you
will kindly execute same in triplicate and return same to
me. After this form has been accomplished, the triplicate
will be returned to you for your files.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

June 1, 1931

Public Service Company of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing (in triplicate) Form No. 8624-A -
"Proposal for Gas Service" - and Form No. 8624-B - "Propo-
sal for Electric Current"- at this institution for the fis-
cal year beginning July 1, 1931.

Kindly execute these forms and return them to me
and after the contract has been accomplished the triplicate
will be sent to you for your files.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

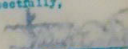
June 2, 1931

Mr. James Evans,
38 Mayhew Avenue,
Larchmont, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of recent date, please be advised that "E. Pluribus Unum" is the motto of the United States of America as being one nation though composed of many states. The expression occurs originally in a Latin poem entitled "Moretum" attributed to Vergil. It was first used on the coins of the United States in 1795 when it appeared on the reverse side of the half eagle which presented the main features of the Great Seal, on the scroll of which the motto belongs. It has since been used in various positions on the different denominations.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

June 2, 1931

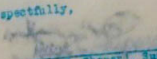
American Mines & Smelting Company,
Mr. J. G. Clark, President,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant in which you state you are forwarding by mail a package containing approximately 12 ounces of gold bullion, please be advised that upon receipt here your bullion weighs exactly 10 troy ounces.

In view of the fact that you state 12 ounces was its approximate weight, I take it that you did not have facilities for weighing this bullion with any exactness and I have therefore proceeded to treat your consignment but thought proper to advise you of the exact weight of same when received here.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

QB:T

June 3, 1931

Mr. H. C. Tonta,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a shipment bearing your name and address on the outside but to date have not received a letter of advice from you regarding same. As such a letter is necessary before your material may be entered on our books and paid for, kindly write me at your earliest convenience regarding this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

June 3, 1931

Mr. C. A. Hartsborn,
Orogrande, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 1st instant regarding shipment of gold to the Mint, please be advised that the minimum value of deposits accepted for purchase is \$100.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed; also a small treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint, which please read carefully. Any shipments which you may forward here will receive our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 3, 1931

Mr. S. H. Bell,
Clark, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 31st, last, and the placer gold mentioned therein. From an examination of this material, it is doubtful if it will have a value of \$100.00 which is the least that may be accepted for deposit. If you can send two or more ounces of similar material, the two lots can be combined as one deposit and paid for.

While the Mint does not recommend purchasers of bullion, I will say that Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, Denver, are reliable buyers of gold and if you wish to have your material turned over to them, please authorize me to do so and they will make returns directly to you; or if you wish the material returned to you, please forward the necessary postage and registry fee.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BEP:7

June 3, 1931

Mr. Alonso Piers,
Muncie, Indiana. R.F.D. No.7.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 1st, please be
advised that an examination of the sample enclosed with
your letter shows that the shiny material is mica which
has no commercial value.

Your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

Enclosure

June 5, 1931

Mr. A. T. Gibbs,
1928 Jones Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date stating that you are sending six drams of gold to be added to the placer gold left here recently by J. M. Meales, I have to advise that the addition of this amount is not sufficient to make a value of \$100.00 which is the least that may be accepted for deposit.

If you can send one and a half or two ounces more of similar material, the three lots can then be combined in one deposit. If you cannot send this additional material, please send the necessary postage and registry fee and your material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

BCP:2

June 4, 1931

Mr. Edward Clark,
American National Bank Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant,
please be advised that deposits in order to be accept-
able for purchase by the Mint must have a minimum value
of \$100.00 under which condition I regret I cannot ac-
cept the half-ounce nugget which you desire to sell.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EN:T

June 4, 1931

Mr. Edward Clark,
American National Bank Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant,
please be advised that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a minimum value of \$100.00 under which condition I regret I cannot accept the half-ounce nugget which you desire to sell.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 4, 1901

Mr. William Weber,
102 West Exchange Avenue,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st ultimo, I have to advise that your package of Bullion was received here on the 27th ultimo and as our books are closed during the last few days of each month, your deposit was entered as of June 1st. On that date a check was mailed you in payment and I have no doubt you have now received same. In the event, however, this remittance has not been received by you upon receipt of this letter, please make inquiry at your post office and if unable to find my letter, please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

June 4, 1931

Mr. E. B. Ingram,
307 East Victoria Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the samples of rock forwarded by you to this institution, please be advised that while the Mint does not make analyses of such material, your rock does not appear to contain any values in the precious metals. If you still feel that you would like to have this rock analyzed, reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples which you have forwarded here, kindly send us the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

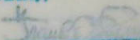
June 5, 1931

Dr. E. A. Ihle,
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 2nd instant,
I have this day returned to you by first class mail, un-
insured, the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this
institution for purchase, using the 10¢ in stamps enclosed
with your letter for this purpose.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 8, 1931

Mrs. Glenn Morris,
Alva, Wyoming.

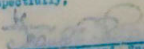
Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd ultimo,
please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make
analyses of mineral bearing rocks. Reliable work of
this kind, however, can be done for you by the United
States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the fol-
lowing charges:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Nickel	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order for the proper amount, payable to
that office, must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 5, 1931

Dr. E. D. Buettell,
309 Western Building,
Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, this institution will purchase dental scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided that the precious metal content will equal at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Upon receipt of acceptable consignments, the Mint will melt and assay the material and after determining its value in gold and silver will issue depositor check drawn upon the Treasurer of the United States in payment for same..

The Mint does not make any allowance for platinum values when contained in gold deposits nor undertake to separate it for return to depositor and if your material contains more platinum values than you would feel justified in waiving, I would suggest that you send your scrap to some one of the platinum dealers for purchase.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and should you send any deposits to this Mint they will have my prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

FRANK B. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 5, 1921

Adams Dental Laboratory,
Medical Arts Building,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th
ultimo stating you are forwarding some gold dust and
dental wrap to the Mint and have to advise that to date
your consignment has not been received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 8, 1931

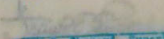
Mr. J. Shaffron,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment, I find after treating this material it falls below \$100.00 which is the minimum value of deposits received for purchase and your bar has accordingly been rejected and the melting charge of \$1.00 imposed thereon which I have to request you will forward me by money order at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reenter this bullion as a deposit, kindly send about \$10.00 more in additional gold to be added thereto, but the charges above referred to must be paid before your consignment can be reentered. Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

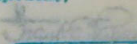
June 5, 1931

Mr. Walter A. Anderson,
529 Barker Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment under date of the 4th instant which you state weighs 480 dwt., which is equivalent to 24 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 18.21 troy ounces. As this is not a close approximation to your weight, will you kindly advise me if the weight as received is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 5, 1931

Mr. Fardie W. Stanford,
Carey, Idaho. Box 245.

Dear Sir:

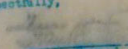
In reference to your consignment under date of the 2nd instant, please be advised that upon receipt here your material, [including the teeth] weighs 1.72 troy ounces.

As all consignments of dental scrap must have a value of at least \$100.00, I have to advise that your shipment as it now stands is not suitable for acceptance for purchase and I would suggest that you send, if convenient, sufficient additional material to bring its value up to the required amount.

The Mint will accept any dental or jewelry scrap provided the mass will have a pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in preparing your shipments to the Mint and will hold your small consignment I now have until further advised by you in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 6, 1931

Dr. H. J. Baker,
704 Medical Arts Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

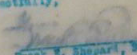
Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 4th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase dental wrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided the precious metal content is equal to at least one fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to return that metal when forwarded with other material.

I am enclosing a circular which will no doubt be of some assistance to you in preparing your consignments to the Mint and will say that such deposits as may be received from you will have my careful attention.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T
Enclosure

June 8, 1931

Chain-O'-Wages, Inc.,
5 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Attention: Mr. Aris Hart

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant in which you state that it has been taking six days to receive payment from the Mint on retorts left here by your mill superintendent, whereas it previously took three days, and have to advise that an examination of our records of the receipt and payment for your deposits discloses that the delay has been considerably less than stated by you. Your deposits for May and June so far have been received and paid for on the following dates:

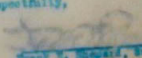
<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Deposit No.</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
Fri. 5/1/31	Retort No. 79, No. 1677	5/4/31
Sat. 5/2/31	" 80 " 1727	5/11/31
Fri. 5/22/31	" 82 " 1805	5/25/31
Thu. 5/28/31	" 83 " 1845	5/31/31
Wed. 5/27/31	" 84 " 1886	6/8/31

Of the five deposits received during the above period, liquidation for only the one received on Thursday, May 28th, seems to have been delayed, and this delay was due to the fact it is necessary to close our books on the last two or three days of each month, and deposits received after the books are closed are entered and paid for as of the 1st of the succeeding month.

All deposits are entered and treated in the order received and I would therefore suggest that your consignments reach the Mint as early in the week as may be convenient as the Mint closes at noon on Saturdays and all day Sunday, and if a number of deposits are received on Fridays ahead of yours and more than can be disposed of on that and the following day, it is necessary, of course, to carry the excess over until the following Monday.

It is my desire that deposits be liquidated with as little delay as the work will permit, and it does not appear from the above table that yours have not been treated with customary expedition, due allowance being made for holidays and time consumed while check is in transit; yet I wish to be advised if payments are not received promptly and will be glad to correct any unnecessary delay.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

June 8, 1931

Mr. Merritt Young,
Assistant Postmaster,
Geddes, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and accompanying samples of ore and have to advise that while the Mint does make assays of such material, the shiny particles in this ore appear to be only mica.

If you desire reliable assays made of this material, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where the work will be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:5

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DELIVER JUNE 6, 1931

NEW BRUNSWICK
22 North Pennsylvania Street,
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

CONTAINMENT JUNE THIRD. SUGGEST INQUIRY AT
POST OFFICE GENERAL DELIVERY.

SUPERINTENDENT

Collect charges at
Indianapolis, Ind.

June 9, 1931

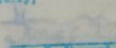
Farmers State Bank,
Ogallala, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant enclosing your draft for \$10.25 for ten dollars in new dimes, and I regret that I cannot comply with your request as new coins are distributed only through the Federal Reserve Bank or one of its branches. I would therefore suggest that you make application to the nearest one of these banks in your vicinity.

The draft enclosed with your letter is herewith returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 9, 1931

E. Gottlieb & Company,
302 Main Street,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your small consignment of recent date, weighing upon receipt here 3.39 troy ounces, and regret to advise you that the Mint cannot purchase this jewelry scrap as the regulations require that all deposits of this kind to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.

If you can send sufficient good gold to be added to this material to increase its value to \$100.00, I shall be very glad to have you do so; otherwise kindly forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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June 3, 1931

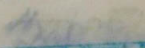
Mr. Joe Tulliam,
Las Cruces, New Mexico. Box 482.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and accompanying sample of rock and regret that I cannot give you any information as to the character of this material as the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing rocks or sand. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver. Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, kindly send us the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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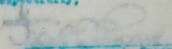
June 11, 1931

Mr. Lester M. Wickliffe,
College Station,
Pullman, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 8th instant,
please be advised that the Denver Mint did not coin any
one-cent bronze pieces during the calendar years 1921 and
1922.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 11, 1931

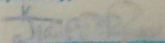
Mr. Tom Morris,
McCoy, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small consignment of recent date and regret to say that two ounces is the very minimum the regulations will permit me to accept for purchase.

If you can send some additional gold to be added to this shipment that will bring the lot up to the minimum value required for purchase, I shall be very glad to have you do so. Should this not be convenient for you, however, I will return your buttons upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 11, 1931

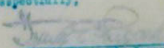
Mr. John F. C. Siewers,
415 North Madison Street,
Silcox Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not sell gold in
lots having a value of less than \$5,000.

Perhaps you could obtain this gold from Carl
Blaurock, Mack Building, this city.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 11, 1931

Mr. S. F. Karmel,
5222 Wabada,
St. Louis, Missouri.

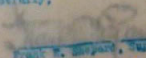
Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 8th instant which you state weighs 390 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 283.51 troy ounces - the spectacle frames and filled ware weighing 126.68 and the package of spectacle frames and cases 156.83, making a total of 283.51 troy ounces.

Owing to the large amount of base metal contained in this material, it will be necessary for you to send not less than 70 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this lot as the regulations require that all deposits must contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

Upon receipt of the additional material required and your advice that the weight as found here is satisfactory, I will be glad to accept your deposit for purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

CTM

June 11, 1931

Mr. J. Shaffan,
1316 1/2 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant enclosing money order for \$1.00 covering melting charges on your recent consignment to this institution and note that you request that I forward your rejected bar to you. Owing to the fact that the Mint has no fund from which to defray such expense, I have to request that you will send me 10¢ to cover insurance on your bar up to \$50.00 and the necessary postage. Upon receipt of same your bar will be promptly returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 12, 1931

Chain-O-Mills, Inc.,
5 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

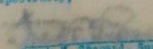
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your telegram of even date requesting that checks in payment of your deposits be forwarded to No. 5 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, and that payment be stopped on any checks in transit and new checks issued.

In accordance with your request, all remittances will be made hereafter to the above address and I have to advise that there are no deposits for your account at the Mint at the present time.

Regarding your request relative to stopping payment and issuing new checks, I have to say that when checks are issued in accordance with instructions on file at the time deposits are received and which are not revoked before payment, it would not be permissible for me to issue new checks and request the Treasurer to stop payment on any check which may be in the mail. In view of this fact, I have to request that should you contemplate at any time changing the above instructions, you will notify me promptly, or preferably at the time deposits are made.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:M

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DENVER JUNE 12, 1951

REED & COMPANY
409 Cavalier Building,
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

WEIGHT CANNOT PURCHASE MEXICAN COINS MENTIONED YOUR
LETTER THIS INSTANT NOR CAN I SUGGEST PROBABLE MARKET. PLEASE
SEND POSTAGE FOR RETURN OF YOUR COINS.

Superintendent WEA

Collect Change at San Antonio.

June 18, 1931

Mr. D. Seiral,
107 South 10th Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not maintain a bureau of information as to coins nor does it deal in old coins in any manner.

Under present regulations new coins are obtainable from the Mint only by making application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. If you will state in your application which coins you desire of this Mint's manufacture, I have no doubt he will authorize me to supply you therewith so far as they may be available for distribution. Your application should conform to the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

June 15, 1931

Jaccard Jewelry Corporation,
1017 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant in which you announce you are forwarding 1304 pennyweights of old gold rings for which you desire payment in fine gold and silver bars, I have to advise that payment cannot be made in both gold and silver, only one metal being issued in payment, the balance being paid by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

If you will kindly read the copy of my letter to your Mr. Schulz under date of May 25th, which I enclose, you will note that I have explained therein the method by which payment must be made for deposits and if you will advise me promptly in what form you desire payment made for your rings, I shall be glad to comply therewith, provided your request conforms with the conditions as outlined in my letter to Mr. Schulz.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. A. Brundage
Acting Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

June 15, 1931

Mr. C. S. Hartshorn,
Cerrogrande, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

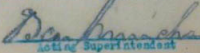
Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that the regulations concerning the value of deposits acceptable for purchase by the Mint have been amended and the Mint will now receive a minimum of two ounces of mining gold, whereas formerly only deposits having a value of \$100.00 were received.

Should you have any original mining gold which will weigh at least two ounces, you may forward it here for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 15, 1931

Mr. Ruben Bass,
Vernon, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment of recent date weighing upon receipt here 1.28 troy ounces and regret to say that two troy ounces is the very minimum the Mint can accept for purchase. If you can add sufficient original placer gold to this consignment to bring its weight up to two ounces, I shall be very glad to have you do so, but if it is not convenient for you to do this, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your grains.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 15, 1931

GORDON'S
36 East Park Street,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning same. As no deposits are entered on our books for treatment without a letter of advice, you are requested to advise me promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean M. M. M. M. M.
Acting Superintendent

June 18, 1921

F. P. May Hardware Company,
469 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

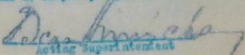
Gentlemen:

On February 20th, last, I forwarded you order, No. 228, for certain carbon steel taper shank machine twist drills which you supplied but I have not yet received your invoice covering this expense. As I would like to liquidate this bill at the earliest possible date, I have to request that you will forward me a certified invoice in accordance with the enclosed instructions at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Pardie W. Stanford,
Carey, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and in accordance with your request I have asked Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, this city, to call at the Mint for your small consignment and have requested him to treat your material and make returns direct to you, there being no charge by the Mint for turning this deposit over to him.

I feel it proper to state in this connection that the Mint assumes no responsibility regarding the payment received for small consignments when turned over to a local bullion buyer, this action being taken simply as a matter of accommodation to depositors.

Trusting that my action in this matter will meet with your approval, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Deane H. ...
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 15, 1931

Belmont Smelting & Refining Works, Inc.,
General Offices, 330 Belmont Avenue,
Post Office Station "E",
Brooklyn, New York.

Attention: Raymond H. Graham

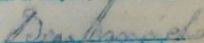
Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant,
please be advised that we are not in the market at the present
time for zinc. Your name is on our mailing list and you
will always be invited to submit a bid when we are in need
of anything in your line.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 16, 1931

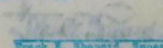
Mr. J. Shafter,
1816 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 13th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
rejected bar made from jewelry scrap forwarded by you to
this Mint for purchase, using the postage (18¢) enclosed with
your letter as follows:

Postage 8¢
Insurance 10¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 16, 1931

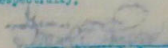
Mr. Tom Morris,
McCoy, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th instant, I have returned you this day by insured parcel post the small consignment of gold forwarded by you to this institution, enclosing therewith $3\frac{1}{2}$ in stamps which were in excess of the amount necessary for the return of your package.

I regret that I could not accept your small consignment as I realize it would be quite an accommodation to you to do so, but the minimum amount which may be received is fixed by the Department at Washington at two ounces and it would not be permissible for me to waive that authority.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

June 16, 1931

B. Cottlieb & Company,
302 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant forwarding 2.19 troy ounces of scrap gold for addition to your small consignment at this institution and have to advise that it is very doubtful if the value of these combined lots will be \$100.00 - this being the minimum value of deposits received for purchase.

Should I proceed to treat your two lots and find that the foregoing value is not contained therein, it will be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection.

I would suggest that you send several ounces more of similar material to be added to your prior consignments in order to insure that your deposit will have the necessary value. If you cannot do this, however, and wish me to proceed with what you have now forwarded, I will, of course, do so and advise you of the result. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Agent

CBT

June 17, 1931

Mr. E. D. Sutherland,
436 Proctor Street,
Port Arthur, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment which weighs upon receipt here 6.03 troy ounces, I have to advise that the value contained in this material will doubtless fall considerably below \$100.00 which is the minimum amount received for purchase.

I estimate that it will take about five ounces more of similar material to bring your consignment up to the required value which I should be glad to have you send if convenient but if not, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information in regard to forwarding deposits to the Mint from which you will note that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and that all deposits having a value under \$100.00 are rejected.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

June 17, 1931

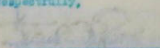
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day forwarded by parcel post insured with DeLaney, Kipp & Swan, Inc., the PTH coins of this institution for the quarter ending June 30, 1931, as follows:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
Double Eagles	57	\$1,140.00

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GEM

June 17, 1931

First National Bank,
Att: M.F.A.R. Jacobs, President,
Missoula, Montana.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter under date of the 15th instant, I have to advise that while heretofore the minimum value of deposits acceptable for purchase by the Mint has been limited to \$100.00 for both original mining gold and gold used in the arts, the Director of the Mint has, in the case of mining gold, reduced the acceptable amount to at least two ounces. As stated, this applies only to original mining gold, or gold which has not been fabricated in any way.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 17, 1931

Mr. A. E. Pellerin,
Denison, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 15th instant and regret to say that I cannot enter your material for treatment as the Mint does not accept deposits of jewelry scrap having a value under \$100.00 - your consignment weighing 8.28 troy ounces and having probably one half that value.

If you can send the necessary amount to increase the value of your deposit to \$100.00, I will be very glad to have you do so, but if this is not convenient, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 18, 1931

Mr. M. Butler,
Silver City, New Mexico. Box 63.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th instant, please be advised that deposits consisting of dental gold or fabricated gold of any kind are not accepted for purchase when their value is under \$100.00, under which conditions I regret to say the Mint could not accept the small amount you have on hand which would be approximately two ounces.

Usually it requires anywhere from nine to fifteen ounces of dental gold to have a value of \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:7

June 10, 1931

Mr. M. A. Saferstein,
1011 Vine Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment of bullion bearing your name on the outside and have to advise that no deposits are entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice pertaining thereto and I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

An examination of your material indicates that the base metal contained therein will greatly exceed the maximum amount which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase, all deposits having 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of 1000 being rejected.

To render your material acceptable for purchase, it will be necessary for you to forward not less than 25 ounces of high-grade silver to increase the precious metal content of the shipment but if you are unable to supply this silver, please advise me and your package will be returned you by express collect.

Respectfully, FRANK E. SEFARIS, Supl.

By

Frank E. Sefaris
Acting Superintendent

ONE
Circular enclosed

June 19, 1931

Mr. R. W. Johnson,
Lock Box 327,
Springfield, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, I have to advise that your gold crowns weighing approximately $3/8$ of a troy ounce would not contain enough value to be acceptable as a deposit at the Mint, no consignments being received for purchase having a value under \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

June 19, 1921

Mr. W. C. Duffy,
408 East Green Avenue,
 Gallup, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Your note of the 17th instant and accompanying
consignment, weighing upon receipt here 4.05 troy ounces,
have been received and in reply you are advised that the
metal forwarded by you is brass and of no value to the Mint.

If you desire the return of these brass filings,
please forward me at once the necessary postage and insur-
ance, otherwise they will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

June 19, 1931

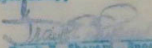
Mr. F. M. Pearl,
County Attorney,
Hickman, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and have to advise that I have referred it to the United States Secret Service Operative in this city from whom you will no doubt hear in due course, the Mint having no information on the subject to which you refer.

In this connection I feel it proper to state that the event to which you refer was the robbery of the truck of the Federal Reserve Branch Bank of Denver which was parked in front of the Mint at the time the robbery occurred and no attempt was made to rob the Mint on that occasion nor at any other time.

Respectfully,

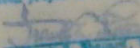

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T



UNITED STATES MINT, Denver, June 12, 1901

Respectfully referred to Mr. Basilard W. Goddard for his information and such action as may seem proper in the premises.


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 19, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Johnson,
15 South Elm Street,
North Platte, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I regret that I cannot be of any assistance to you in the disposition of the old coins in your possession as the Mint does not deal in them in any manner.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Frank Swanson,
Route 2, Box 110,
East Crank Forks, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note of the 18th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase solid gold chains in quantities having a minimum value of \$100. If your gold chains are plated ware the proportion of base metal to the gold is so great that such articles will not be acceptable to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 20, 1931

Mr. Joe Macstae,
Vallecitos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will pay \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, all deposits being paid for on the basis of the troy ounce or fraction thereof.

If the gold you contemplate forwarding to the Mint has been mined by you and has not been manufactured into any articles, deposits having a minimum weight of two ounces will be accepted for purchase, but manufactured articles in gold are not accepted in lots having less value than \$100.

The Mint makes a charge of \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which are deducted from the amount due the depositor.

Shipments should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, with all transportation charges prepaid and if forwarded by parcel post should be insured for their approximate value. Each shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R

June 22, 1931

Mrs. E. J. Garner,
410 West Eighth Avenue,
Temple, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that it has been the custom of the Mint to purchase old jewelry but it is necessary that such consignments have a minimum value of \$100.00 and that at least one fifth of the weight of the material consists of pure gold and pure silver.

As you no doubt are aware, a lot of old jewelry is simply plated with gold and such articles therefore contain a large amount of base metal and where the consignment contains a considerable portion of such articles the base metal contained therein would be too great to render the deposit acceptable for purchase.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each Troy ounce of pure gold, less \$1.00 for melting and a small treatment charge. Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice in all cases.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Knicker
Acting Superintendent

June 22, 1931

Mr. J. Segaleff,
333 Washington Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, I have to say that the Mint until recently has accepted only deposits having a minimum value of \$100.00 but to encourage mining and to assist miners during the present season, the minimum amount received has been reduced to 2 ounces when consignments consist of original mining gold and not fabricated material.

The Mint does not pay \$41 an ounce for gold but 2 ounces at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce would have a value slightly over \$41.

The regulation in regard to fabricated gold has not been changed and all consignments of such material must have a minimum value of \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By



Acting Superintendent

CHT

June 22, 1931

Mr. F. E. Williams,
Parker, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of recent date, I have to advise that the Mint will accept 2 ounces of mining gold but that is the very minimum received when consignments are of that character. If the material consists of articles which have been manufactured out of gold, deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content of at least one-fifth of their weight.

If you can add enough good gold to your button, which you state weighs one and one-half ounces, to bring it up to 2 ounces, the Mint will accept it for purchase, provided it is mining gold and does not contain an unreasonable amount of base metal.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CHS

June 22, 1931

Mr. J. Culbertson,
U. S. Geological Survey,
809 Conboy Building,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of recent date and two sacks of rock and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing ore. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges:

Gold -	\$1.00	Lead -	\$1.20
Silver -	1.00	Zinc -	2.00
Copper -	2.00		

Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

Please advise me at once what disposition you desire made of the two sacks you have forwarded and any others that may be in transit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

CS:7

June 23, 1931

Dr. J. E. Deal.
202 O. S. Building,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have received a consignment of bullion with your name on the inside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. No deposits are entered on our books for treatment until such a letter has been received and you are therefore requested to advise me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Elmer M. Davis,
2614 Summit Avenue,
Everett, Washington.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of the 20th instant enclosing metal disk which you think may be a \$10 gold piece, I am returning same herewith as it is not a coin but a copper souvenir of some kind and of no value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

M. & R. Dept.

June 23, 1931.

Mr. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Preliminary report under date of Sept. 15, 1930, on a No. 100 graphite crucible furnished for test by the Chicago-Haughtuck Crucible Co., showed a service 40% better than the average of either Dixon or Vesuvius crucibles. This run was made in the Ingot melting room in the melting of bronze ingots for coinage operations.

The test made on the second crucible in the manufacture of silver anodes for refining operations, indicated 31% less service than the aforementioned crucibles: 42 melts of silver anodes as compared with an average of 70 melts for the Dixon crucible.

These results attest the difficulty of estimating the worth of a crucible where only two or three are submitted for test. However, the findings on the average show that the Chicago-Haughtuck crucibles compare favorably with those of other manufacturers.

Respectfully,

Supt. M. & R. Department.

Office of Superintendent

UNITED STATES MINT AT DENVER, June 23, 1931

Approved and respectfully forwarded to the Chicago-Haughtuck Crucible Company for its information.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 23, 1931

Mathers-Luna Paper Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant calling my attention to the fact that it is against the regulations of the express company to ship matches except in metal lined cases, which would also apply to shipments by parcel post, I have to request that you will kindly cancel my order No. 343 for fifteen gross of safety matches for the use of this institution. I find that I can buy them locally at practically the Government contract price which would result in a saving of all transportation charges.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

William H. King
Acting Superintendent

WHT

June 24, 1931

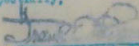
Mr. W. D. Flynn,
Witchkiss, Colorado. Box 712.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment weighing upon receipt here 1.86 troy ounces and regret that I cannot accept this small lot as the very minimum amount of mining gold accepted is 2 ounces. I would therefore suggest that you send another half ounce at least if you can in order that your deposit will have at least 2 ounces of gold exclusive of any foreign matter.

It is also necessary that consignments be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source of the gold which has been shipped to the Mint. No consignments are entered on our books unless accompanied by such a letter. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 24, 1931

The First National Bank,
Central City, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the three retorts forwarded by you to this institution under date of the 23rd instant, will you please advise me promptly if you desire but one payment made for these retorts, and if not, please supply the full name of the parties to whom they should be credited as each one will, in the latter case, constitute a separate deposit.

I would also like to know the source of production of these various retorts, that is, the name of the maker, its location, and the relation of the depositor to said maker.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. THOMPSON, Superintendent

CH:T

June 24, 1901

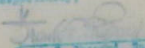
Western Laboratory Company,
Phillipsburg, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a package purporting to come from you but have not so far received from you a letter of advice pertinent thereto.

Under the regulations no deposits are entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice and your consignment is therefore being held until I hear from you regarding it. Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 24, 1931

Mrs. Stella C. Robertson,
1511 North Nevada Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant and have to advise that the Mint is not in a position to purchase your small amount of gold as the very minimum the regulations permit is two full ounces of mining gold - other gold such as manufactured articles not being received in lots having a value less than \$100.

Regretting my inability to help you, I am

Respectfully,



Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

June 22, 1931

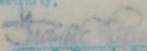
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

In accordance with authority of the Director of the Mint dated June 19th, I have forwarded you this day one box containing a number of small scale parts for chrome plating and return to this institution. A list of the articles is herewith enclosed.

I am also enclosing Government Bill of lading No. 42921 covering this shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosures

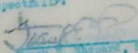
June 26, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your voucher
check No. 8624 in amount \$1.24, as commission on collection
from Telephone Booth Main-9972 for the period May 13th to
June 17th, 1931.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 25, 1931

First National Bank,
Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Answering your inquiry of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that the Mint is now accepting deposits of placer gold having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces, exclusive of foreign substances, and if your client will forward his gold to the Mint, accompanied by a letter of advice, same will be purchased and check mailed him promptly.

It is also necessary that depositors indicate the source from which the gold has been obtained, giving the name of the mine or claim and his relation thereto.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepley, Superintendent

CH:T

June 25, 1931

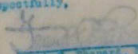
The Golden Cycle Corporation,
Attention: Mr. F.W. Charlson, Chief Clerk,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant and immediately upon receipt of same our assayer proceeded to re-assay the samples of your bar No. 7091, with which your assay does not agree, with the results confirming his original determination. He has resampled your bar and assayed same, checking all previous assays. From this it would appear that no mistake was made in the payment made you thereon.

I am enclosing our assayer's report in the premises and desire to assure you that I am always glad to cooperate with you in matters of this kind and to correct any mistakes which may be found to have been made by this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

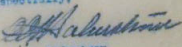
June 24, 1931

Hon. Frank E. Shepard
Supt. United States Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to letter of the Golden Cycle Corporation under date of June 22, in which they request a check assay on their Bar No. 7691, Mint No. 2509, beg to state that a re-assay on our original sample and an assay on a resample of the bar was made, the results of which all check the result upon which settlement was made.

Respectfully,


O. C. Malmstrom.
Assayer.

June 25, 1931

Mr. D. W. Field,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and in reply have to say that the Mint has no literature as to available coins of this Mint's manufacture.

As it is now necessary that application for new coins be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States and have his approval before the Mint can supply the desired coins, I would suggest that you make application to the Treasurer at Washington, D. C. for such coins as you may desire of this Mint's coinage and if he approves, I will be very glad to send you such as may be available.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information as to obtaining new coins from the Mints.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 25, 1931

Mr. Y. Bracamonte,
Winkelman, Arizona. Box 184

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant in which you state you are forwarding two small lots of bullion for deposit at the Mint and that you would like to know the value of the placer gold as it belongs to another party, please be advised that your shipment has arrived - the retort weighing 2.04 troy ounces and the grains 1.64 troy ounces, a total of 3.68 ounces.

In regard to advising you as to the value of the grains, I regret to say this cannot be done as to do so would require that this material be entered as a separate deposit and no deposits of mining gold are received which have a weight under 2 ounces.

If your friend can send enough additional gold to bring the weight of his grains a trifle over 2 ounces, in order that the gold content will have a weight of 2 ounces exclusive of any foreign substances, it can be entered as a separate deposit, but if consolidated with your retort on its present weight, the Mint cannot advise you of its individual value.

I am holding your lots until advised further by you as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Sheple, Superintendent

CH:T

June 26, 1931

Mr. Kenneth Dixon,
Virginia City, Montana. Box 7

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold regardless of the locality from which obtained, less \$1.00 for melting and a small treatment charge. The Mint now accepts a minimum of two troy ounces of mining gold and should you forward any consignments to the Mint, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 26, 1931

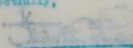
Mr. George M. Tuttle,
Stark, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 23rd instant,
I have to advise that the Mint will now accept for purchase
deposits of mining gold in minimum amounts of two troy ounces
exclusive of all foreign substances.

Kindly accompany any shipments you may make to the
Mint with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

June 26, 1931

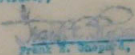
The U. S. Stoneware Company,
50 Church Street, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, I am enclosing herewith the three snap shots submitted to you with my invitation for a proposal from you for one Stoneware Filter, and have to advise that the specification of the filter submitted to you is as follows:

One Acid Proof Stoneware Filter, 20" wide x 34" long x 20" deep, inside measurements. A two-inch outlet tapering to one and one-half inches on the inside, at middle of end of filter and flush with bottom. A 1/4" hole through reinforcing rim of tank at each end, as indicated. A one-inch ledge around inside, 2-1/2" from bottom of filter to top of ledge. Must withstand temperature changes incident to use of hot water for washing gold and silver residues.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shapiro, Superintendent

CR:T
Enclosure

June 26, 1931

Qualla Mercantile Company,
Qualla, Oklahoma.

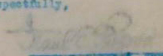
Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and under separate cover have received the small pieces of rock which you desire to have assayed, and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing specimens of any kind.

I am returning your rock under separate cover and enclosing herewith the surplus postage from that enclosed with your letter.

This rock appears to contain pyrites of iron and if you wish to have it assayed, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay Office in Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 27, 1931

Mr. Claude S. Swartz,
Clifton, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant and in reply have to say that your understanding regarding deposits at the Mint is correct - the Mint now accepting a minimum of two troy ounces instead of a value of \$100.00 as was the case when I wrote you last. This reduction was made a short time ago to encourage mining during the present season and any deposits that you can forward here having a minimum weight of two ounces will be accepted for purchase.

Kindly accompany any shipment you may make with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 25, 1931

Qualls Mercantile Company,
Qualls, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and under separate cover have received the small pieces of rock which you desire to have assayed, and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing specimens of any kind, and your specimens have accordingly been returned you this day, using the postage you enclosed for that purpose.

This rock appears to contain pyrites of iron, which has no commercial value but if you wish it assayed, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Assay Office in Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

WALTER S. SHEPARD, SUPERINTENDENT

WMS

June 27, 1931

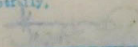
Mr. J. E. Luttrell,
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 25th instant stating that you are mailing a retort weighing $2\frac{1}{4}$ ounces for deposit at this institution, I have to advise that upon receipt here your retort weighs 1.87 troy ounces and as the very minimum weight of mining gold deposits has been fixed at 2 troy ounces, I am unable to accept your consignment unless you can send some additional gold to be added thereto. Upon receipt of such gold, I shall be very glad to enter your retort for treatment.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

June 27, 1931

Mr. D. J. Ziffren,
124 Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 25th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver.

The Mint pays \$20.67 an ounce for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits, and imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, also a nominal treatment charge.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject from which you will note that in addition to the above requirements, all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice. Your package should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 27, 1931

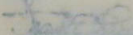
Mr. H. L. Burch,
Deadwood, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant, I have to advise that the Mint purchases gold and silver only and when other metals are contained in such deposits no allowance is made therefor, nor does the Mint undertake to separate such metals for return to the depositor.

If you have metallic mining gold, the Mint will purchase same in minimum lots of 2 ounces and any such shipments should be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 29, 1951

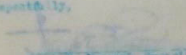
Mr. E. L. Strome,
Texaco, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and under separate cover your samples and have to advise that these samples do not appear to contain any of the precious metals whatsoever - two pieces being petrified wood and the other two pieces sandstone.

In the event you desire the return of these samples, I have to request that you will kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience, otherwise they will be thrown away.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

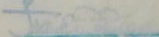
June 29, 1931

Miss Fannie Turner,
Pomona, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise that you are correct in your statement that all the one-cent bronze pieces manufactured in 1922 were struck at this Mint. I regret to say, however, that our entire stock of these coins has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request:

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 29, 1931

Dr. Charles E. Clifford,
Flora & Sutton Avenues,
Maplewood, Missouri.

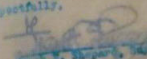
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter and consignment under date of the 27th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 8.11 troy ounces, and have to advise that all deposits of fabricated gold of any kind must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit in order to be accepted for purchase.

Deposits of dental gold should have a weight of approximately seven or eight ounces in order to have the required value, and if you can supply this additional amount to be added to your consignment, I shall be very glad to have you do so, but if this is not convenient, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

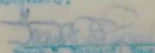
June 29, 1931

Mr. D. W. Kennedy,
La Veta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment of the 25th instant, weighing upon receipt here 70/100 tns of a trap ounce. The regulation in regard to the minimum weight of deposits of mining gold acceptable for purchase has recently been reduced to 2 ounces, which does not include fabricated gold of any kind nor any deposits having a weight under two ounces. I therefore have to request that you will advise me as to the disposition of this small amount of gold, and if you desire it returned to you, kindly forward me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

June 29, 1931

Mr. Howard E. Vickery,
1037 Grant Place,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

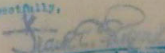
I have your letter of the 26th instant and under separate cover your two small lots of gold, No. 1 weighing 46/100ths of a troy ounce, and No. 2, 1.79 troy ounces, a total of 2.24 troy ounces.

I note that you request separate returns on these two lots and the payment of 15% royalty to Mr. Charles Wolcott, 308 Marine Street, Boulder, Colorado, and have to say that no lots are treated separately unless they have the minimum weight and value of deposits acceptable for purchase, which in the case of mining gold is limited to two ounces, nor does the Government issue checks for payment of royalties on any deposits.

If you desire one check issued in payment for these two lots, same will be done but as they now stand lot No. 1 is of insufficient weight to be accepted alone.

Please advise me promptly as to your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

June 25, 1901

Ames Jewelry Manufacturing Co.,
Ames, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your label but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this shipment.

The regulations of the Mint do not permit that consignments be entered on our books for treatment without such a letter of advice and I would therefore request that you advise us promptly regarding this shipment.

In this connection, please be advised that all consignments must have transportation charges prepaid as the Mint cannot accept them otherwise nor prepay any charges thereon.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

SH:7

June 20, 1921

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your cash
remittance of \$50/ covering commission on collection made
from Telephone Booth No-9728 for the period May 12th to
June 17th, 1921.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

June 22, 1921

Mr. Nicholas Walsh,
Farmington, Minnesota, Box 100.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 20th instant and in reply have to advise that silver coins (five-cent nickel and ten-cent bronze pieces) when not mutilated will be redeemed in lawful money or exchanged for other forms of money at face value at the Federal Reserve Banks or branches. Should your coins, however, be mutilated, that is to say defaced so as not to be readily identified, or punched or clipped, or otherwise mutilated so as to show a material loss of metal, they may be forwarded to the Mint for purchase at their bullion value when sent in lots of one pound for which payment will be made at the rate of 14¢ per pound. No lots under one pound will be accepted.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GW:V

June 29, 1931

Blower & Son,
210 West Howard Avenue,
Biloxi, Mississippi.

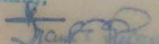
Gentlemen:

I have your consignment under date of the 24th instant, weighing upon receipt here 15.93 troy ounces and have entered same for treatment and check will be mailed you promptly.

In answer to the postscript on your letter, I am enclosing a copy of our table of charges and also a circular giving you full information relative to the method of making deposits at the Mint, from which you will note that owing to the fact that gold filled jewelry contains a considerable amount of base metal, it is necessary that such articles be accompanied by a generous amount of high-grade silver to reduce the base metal content - it being necessary that all deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase have at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

Cash consignments as you may wish to forward here and which fulfill our requirements, will have my prompt attention. Kindly accompany each consignment with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7
Enclosures

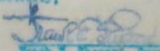
June 20, 1931

Mrs. C. O. Alquist,
525 Brown Street,
Longmont, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of recent date has been received and in reply please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to give you any information pertaining to that subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

June 29, 1921

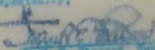
Mrs. M. E. Clement,
216 North 6th Street,
Sterling, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant, I have to say that the Mint is now purchasing mining gold in its original state in minimum amounts of two ounces and if you have that quantity which you desire to ship to the Mint, it will be purchased providing it contains a reasonable amount of pure gold. This does not include any jewelry or fabricated gold of any kind, deposits of the latter being limited to lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Kindly accompany any shipments you may make with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHIPERT, Superintendent

CH:T

June 23, 1931

Mathers-Lamm Paper Company,
Washington, D. C.

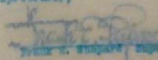
Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant and have again to request that you will kindly cancel my order No. 345 for 15 gross of safety matches for the use of this institution.

As explained to you in my communication of the 23rd instant, these matches have been purchased locally at practically the same price as you are under contract to supply them, thus saving to the Government almost the entire cost of their transportation to Denver.

It is permissible for Government officials to purchase locally any articles listed in the General Supply Catalogue when a saving can be effected thereby, and as our requirements for the time being have now been fulfilled, your courtesy in cancelling my order above referred to will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SARGENT, Superintendent

CH:7

June 29, 1931

Mr. G. E. Peterson,
Waynesville, Missouri. P.R.1

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note of recent date and in reply have to say that this institution is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens, nor is such work done at any Government institution free of charge.

Reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your sample.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

June 30, 1961

Mrs. Joe Jackson,
201 N Street,
Mont Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant and accompanying bottle of wax and have to advise that this unit is not equipped to make assays of such material, but a partial examination of your sand, however, indicates that it does not contain any values in the precious metals, the reddish particles appearing therein being also which has no commercial value.

If you desire to have an assay made of this material, I would suggest that you send a sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which will make silver and gold determinations for \$2.00, upon order for that amount to accompany your sample.

Please advise me promptly if you desire the return of the sample you have furnished and if so kindly send the necessary postage at your earliest convenience.

The stamps enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,
Frank R. Shuman, Superintendent

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~~Assistant Superintendent~~

UNIT
MONT SPRINGS

June 30, 1931

Mr. C. E. Hubble,
Crescent City, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to state that while previously it has been the practice of the Mint to accept only such deposits as contained a minimum of \$100.00 in value, the Mint is now accepting mining gold when sent in lots of two ounces or more in order to help and encourage mining during this season.

If you can therefore send your shipments in lots of not less than two troy ounces of metallic gold they will be accepted and paid for promptly. Kindly accompany each shipment with a letter of advice.

Trusting this will be a help to you and with best wishes for your success, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

June 30, 1931

Dr. P. W. Herwick,
Spartan, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your inquiry of recent date and have to advise that all deposits of fabricated or dental gold must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of their weight in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint. Deposits of dental gold should weigh approximately seven or eight troy ounces to have the required value. All foreign substances being removed. Shipments may be made by registered mail, insured parcel post or by express with all transportation charges prepaid and each consignment should be accompanied by a letter of advice.

The Mint imposes a melting charge \$1.00 and a nominal treatment charge and pays \$20.00 for each troy ounce of pure gold. I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

John L. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

DENVER July 1, 1931

DR. C. M. KOFEL
MORRISON HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

DUE TO ANNUAL AUDIT DEPOSITING RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT JUNE
TWENTY SECOND NOT PAID UNTIL TODAY. CHECK BEING MAILED THIS DATE.

Superintendent Mint

Collect at Chicago

July 1, 1951

Messrs. Martin & Artell,
Attention: E. A. Martin,
Eustis, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that mining gold may be shipped to the Mint for purchase in lots not less than two ounces. There are no special forms necessary but each shipment should be accompanied by a letter of advice and a statement from the depositor as to the source of production of the gold and his relation to the mine or claim from which it has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS:T

July 1, 1931

Corning Glass Works,
Corning, New York.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo and in reply have to state that our present equipment of porcelain tanks is satisfactory and adequate and this institution is not therefore in the market for any such articles at the present time.

It is the opinion of our Superintendent of Melting and Refining, Mr. H. J. Weger, that while "Pyrex" would undoubtedly meet requirements as to acid resisting qualities and temperature changes, it would not possess sufficient mechanical strength and under shock or blow would shatter. Porcelain tanks subjected to mechanical shock only crack and thus afford better opportunity to safeguard values contained in the gold electrolyte.

I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention, however, and will be very much interested to learn of the results obtained in the use of your ware at the other Mint Service institutions.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 1, 1931

Chicago-Hungatek Crucible Company,
2325 Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your invoice covering the fifty No. 14 crucibles recently furnished by you to this institution and have to request that you will issue a new invoice is duplicate and on the original place the following certificate:

"I certify that the above bill is correct and just
and that payment therefore has not been received.
Chicago-Hungatek Crucible Co.,

By _____ (title)

You will note from the above that the name of the officer signing the invoice, as the capacity in which he signs, must appear.

The Auditor at Washington requires that all bills carry the above certification before payment may be made and I will appreciate your invoice being prepared in accordance therewith and forwarded to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully

~~JOHN T. SUTHER, SUPERINTENDENT~~

CHIEF
Buckhouse

July 2, 1931

Mr. C. E. Fischer,
2510 Bunker Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing sands or rock. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

Stamp returned

July 2, 1931

Dr. F. A. Helts,
Milbert, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your recent consignment at this Institution, I have to advise that the amount of material forwarded by you has been found, after treating and assaying same, to fall under \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted of such material. Your bar has accordingly been rejected and a \$1.00 melting charge imposed thereon.

I have to request that you will forward me this melting charge by money order and if you desire to reenter your material kindly send about \$10.00 in additional gold to bring your deposit up to the required value, but the above charge must be paid before your deposit can be reentered.

Should you desire to have your bar returned, please advise me, enclosing money order for \$1.00, and your bar will be forwarded to you by express collect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 2, 1931

Mrs. B. Gottlieb,
302 Main Street,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

I have to advise that your various small lots have been melted and assayed and found to contain considerably less than the minimum amount accepted for purchase. Your deposit has therefore been rejected and a melting of \$1.00 charge imposed thereon. Please forward me the amount of this melting charge by money order and advise what disposition you desire made of your bullion.

Should you desire to reenter this material by sending the additional amount necessary to bring it up to the required value, I have to advise that in order to do this it will be necessary for you to send at least \$50.00 in good gold to be added thereto. Before your bar can be returned you, however, or reentered, the above charge must be paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 2, 1931

Capital Dental Laboratory,
306 Federal Bank & Trust Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

Your consignment of recent date has been received but to date I have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

No deposits are entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice and I will thank you write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

July 3, 1931

Mr. A. D. Hungerford,
Poughkeepsie, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 22nd ultimo enclosing money order for \$2.00 and under separate cover some samples of rock which you desire to have assayed. In reply I have to advise that this institution is not equipped to make analyses of mineral-bearing rock or sand, but a preliminary examination of your rock does not indicate that it contains any values in the precious metals. However, if you feel you wish to have assays made of this material, I would suggest that you send samples to the United States Mint at New Orleans, La., where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the rock you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage or instructions to ship by express, collect.

Your money order is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 6, 1931

Mr. Thomas E. Rhyne,
Mystic, Iowa. Box 354

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, please be advised that this institution is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock and sand. Reliable work of this kind can be done for you, however, by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount, payable to that office, must accompany your samples. One pound of your material would no doubt be sufficient to send.

Respectfully,

Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 6, 1931

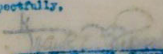
Mr. Robert S. Clark,
Star Transfer Company,
Bridger, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 3rd instant, I have had our records searched for the entire year of 1918 and I do not find that this institution made a gold assay for you or Mr. John Graham during that period.

In this connection, I have to advise that this institution makes bullion assays of gold and silver but does not make determinations of any kind of ore and if your assays were of the latter nature, you probably had them made at some other institution or by a commercial assayer.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

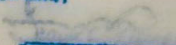
July 6, 1961

Mr. Raymond Owen,
Ward 8,
Whipple, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not sell silver in
any quantity.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 6, 1931

Mr. Carroll Montgomery,
Manitou, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, I would be very glad to have you call at the Mint to discuss the matter mentioned by you on any day of the week from nine to four, except Saturday when this institution closes at 12:30.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 6, 1931

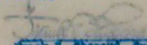
Mr. Robert Francis,
Hill City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letters of the 1st and 2nd instant and under separate cover a bottle containing a large amount of quicksilver and other substances and have to advise that deposits of this character are not accepted by the Mint, it being necessary that deposits contain at least 2 ounces of gold with all foreign substances removed as far as possible and the quicksilver driven off.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your bottle and its contents will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:T

July 6, 1931

Mr. James H. Vanderbeck, Jr.,
Virginia City, Montana.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your consignment to this institution, please be advised that to date no advice has been received from you concerning same and as no consignments are entered on our books for purchase until such advice has been received, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

GM:T

July 6, 1931

Conner Cash Store,
Hillsboro, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your consignment to this institution, please be advised that to date no advice has been received from you concerning same and as no assignments are entered on our books for purchase until such advice has been received, I have to request that you write me promptly regarding your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:G

July 7, 1931

Mr. Chris Pedersen,
Winlock, Washington, Route 2.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of recent date enclosing a sample of some mineral grains and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make an analysis of such material and I would suggest that you send a sample to the Bureau of Mines at Reno, Nevada, and request information as to the character of these grains. No gold or silver appears to be contained therein but they are of an unusual nature and I would suggest that you endeavor to learn of what they consist.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Sample returned herewith.

July 7, 1951

Mr. Lloyd B. Miller,
414 East 7th Street,
Loveland, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 6th instant and under separate cover your consignment of scrap gold and have to advise that the minimum value of such deposits accepted for purchase is \$250.00, which amount I doubt very much your shipment will contain.

Should I proceed to treat this material and find that its value falls below \$250.00, it will be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose such charges as have been incurred up to that time and to save you this expense, I would suggest that you send what you would consider a sufficient amount to meet our requirements.

Awaiting your advice in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

0417

July 8, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find contract No. T&T-65 for
supplying telephone service at this institution during
the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

Tpm-78

June 26, 1931

The Denver Fire Clay Company,
1742 Champa Street, Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your proposal of June 8th, 1931, to furnish certain acids in carboys as required at this institution during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1931, you are advised that same is hereby accepted for the following items at the prices indicated, your proposal being equal to the lowest of five received, triplicate copy of said proposal herewith enclosed:

Nitric Acid C.P.	\$10.50 per owl.
Nitric Acid, Parting	10.00 " "
Mariatic Acid, Commercial	2.50 " "
Sulphuric Acid, Commercial ...	2.50 " "

All the above subject to 2% discount for payment within 10 days from receipt of invoice.

Respectfully,

CH:W
Enclosure

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Approved June 26, 1931:

E. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Tism-79

June 24, 1931

The Linde Air Products Company,
2101 Blake Street, Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your proposal of June 11th, 1931, to furnish certain compressed gases at this institution as required during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1931, you are advised that same is hereby accepted for the following items at the prices indicated, this being the only active bid received of three invited, payment for same to be made promptly upon receipt of invoices properly rendered, triplicate copy of said proposal enclosed herewith:

Acetylene Gas	\$3.00 per 100 cu.ft.
Oxygen "	1.45 " " " "

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CM:T
Enclosure

Approved June 29, 1931:

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

T4m-80

June 24, 1931

Mr. Fred Huber,
4357 Raleigh Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised of the acceptance of your proposal dated June 22nd, 1931, to remove ashes and debris from this institution as required during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1931, at the following rates, your proposal being the lowest of four invited, triplicate copy of said proposal enclosed herewith.

Removing ashes and debris -	
Load of 3 cubic yards	\$2.00
Load of 2 " "	2.00

Respectfully,

CH:T
Enclosure

Fred W. Wagner, Superintendent

Approved June 25, 1931:

W. J. Grant,
Director of the Inst.

T-4 m-81

June 24, 1931

American Iron Works Corporation,
1245 Osage Street, Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that your proposal of June 10th, 1931, to furnish certain iron castings as required at this institution during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1931, is hereby accepted for the following item at the price indicated, your proposal being the lowest of four received, triplicate copy of said proposal herewith enclosed:

Gray Iron Castings \$4.25 per cwt.

1% discount for payment in 10 days.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

Approved June 23, 1931:

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

T-100-84

June 24, 1931

Schlitter Iron Foundry,
3924 Wynkoop Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

You are advised that your proposal dated June 8th, 1931, to furnish certain castings as required at this institution during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1931, is hereby accepted for the following item at the price indicated, your proposal being the lowest of four received; triplicate copy of said proposal herewith enclosed.

Chrome Nickel Castings \$0.60 per cwt.

2% discount for payment in 10 days.

Respectfully,

CHIEF
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Frank W. McFarlane, Representative

Approved June 26, 1931:

R. J. Street,
Director of the Mint.

TAM-82

June 24, 1931

Denver Towel & Supply Company,
1730 Speer Boulevard, Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that your proposal dated June 6th, 1931, to furnish and launder towels as required at this institution during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1931, is hereby accepted at the following rate, the lowest of five proposals invited - triplicate copy of your proposal being enclosed herewith.

Danish and laundry towels 84¢ per dozen.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Approved June 24, 1931.

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Type - 34

June 26, 1931

The Public Service Company of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your proposal dated June 8th, 1931,
to furnish natural gas at this institution during the fiscal
year beginning July 1st, 1931, as per Rate 30, you are
advised that same is hereby accepted, triplicate copy of
said proposal being herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shapard, Superintendent

CM:2
Enclosure

Approved June 29, 1931.

D. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

T4-271-25

June 24, 1931

The Public Service Company of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your proposal dated June 8th, 1931,
to furnish electric light and electric power at this in-
stitution during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1931,
as per Rates 6 and 10, respectively, you are advised that
same is hereby accepted, triplicate copy of said proposal
being herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

G.S.
Enclosure

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Approved June 25, 1931.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Inst.

July 6, 1931

Mr. Vernon Neuman,
Harwood, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of recent date, I have to advise that no five-cent nickel coins have been issued by the Mint having the design described by you and if the piece of metal in your possession was originally a genuine five-cent nickel piece, its design on one side has been changed by some one who replaced it by cutting a flag on that side. The piece is no longer fit for circulation as a coin and would have no value as such.

The Mint does not deal in old coins in any way nor pay a premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

July 8, 1931

Dr. Charles R. Clifford,
Flora and Sutton Avenues,
Maplewood, Missouri,

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note of the 1st instant, I have returned to you by insured parcel post your small con-
signement to this institution which could not be accepted
owing to its insufficient value.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 8, 1961

The First National Bank,
Attention: Mr. W. O. Jenkins, Cashier
Central City, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment to this institution under date of June 30th of several small retorts in one lot weighing 13.36 troy ounces, produced from the property of the Eugene Mines, Inc., I have to advise that the Eugene Mines Inc., has requested a duplicate copy of the returns made on this shipment and I would like to have your authority to supply them with such duplicate. Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 6, 1931

Mr. Homer Eldridge,
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 7th instant and in reply you are advised that deposits consisting of original mining gold will now be accepted by the Mint when sent in lots of not less than 2 ounces. Deposits consisting of manufactured gold or fabricated articles, etc., may be forwarded to the Mint in lots having a value of at least \$100.

Should you make any shipments to the Mint, please accompany each one with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHST

July 9, 1931.

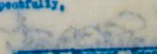
Mr. C. J. Richardson,
209 North 8th Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, I have to advise that no deposits have recently been received from W. E. Wilson, 1006 North 28th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

As all consignments to the Mint accepted for purchase are of a confidential nature, authority to supply others with information as to the amounts of such deposits must be obtained from the Depositor.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Caspard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 8, 1931

Mr. D. W. Kennedy,
La Vega, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st instant I have this day delivered to Carl Blumrock, 622 Mack Building, this city, your recent consignment to this institution with instructions to make return direct to you.

The five two-cent stamps enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

July 6, 1931

Dependable Coal & Wood Company,
Attention: A. McDermott,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your note of the 3rd instant relative to a bill contracted with your firm by Ernest Powell, an employee of this institution, which you state you have been unable to collect, I have to advise that I have taken this matter up with Powell and he has promised me to call and see you and to make payment not later than the 15th, inst. If he fails to keep his promise, I will thank you to advise me.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

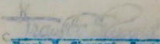
July 9, 1931

Mr. Joe Wheeler,
Polvadera, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date regarding certain old coins in your possession, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and therefore has no information as to the value of such coins or the names of any firms who might be interested in the purchase of same.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

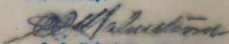
July 9, 1931

Hon. Frank M. Shepard
Supt. U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to the shipment of eleven bars by the State National Bank of El Paso, Texas, under date of July 3, 1931, for the La Compania Minera de la Otonaga, Chihuahua, Mexico. I beg to recommend the rejection of two bars of this shipment, namely bars No. 153 and 154, Mint assay numbers 135 and 136 as unsuitable for the operations of the mint, due to an unusual amount and combination of base metals, which make it impossible to obtain concordant assay results.

Respectfully,


C. C. Malmstrom, Assayer.

July 10, 1931

X. L. W. T. Land & Mining Company,
Attention: Mr. E. A. Baumheckel,
Langaster, California.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, I have to advise that the Mint accepts for purchase only bullion containing gold and silver - no allowance being made for palladium, platinum, or other metals which may be contained therein. Nor would the Mint undertake to separate such metals and return them to the depositor.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 10, 1931

Mr. T. P. Helmer,
Hogal, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 8th instant, I have to advise that deposits of mining gold may be forwarded to the Mint for purchase in lots of not less than two ounces, but consignments of manufactured gold must have a value of at least \$100.

A letter of advice must accompany each consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 10, 1931

Mr. Brooks Smith,
Cheatham, New Hampshire. R.F.D.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th (?) instant, please be advised that in order to obtain new coins from the Mint, application must be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

No one-cent bronze pieces of 1932 coinage are available as no coinage is executed in advance of the calendar year.

Your five-cent nickel piece is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosures

July 10, 1931

State National Bank,
Collection Department,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 2nd instant, your collection No. 58891, consisting of 11 bars and one box of borings, I have to advise that after melting bars Nos. 153 and 154 (your numbers), they have been found entirely unsuitable for Mint operations owing to the large amount and combination of base metals and they have accordingly been rejected. I am holding these bars awaiting advice from you as to their disposition and will thank you to advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 10, 1931

Mr. D. E. Decker,
446 Springs Street,
Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, I am enclosing herewith a circular giving full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint from which you will note that deposits of old jewelry must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

July 9, 1931

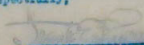
Mrs. Frank Swanson
East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and regret very much to say the Mint cannot accept small deposits of manufactured gold having a value under \$100.00 .

Your chains weigh 3.55 troy ounces and would not anywhere near approximate a value of \$100.00 and they will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 9, 1931

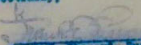
Mr. F. Blanchette,
525 West Corona Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your small sample without a letter of advice and have to state that while the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing samples, your material appears to be lead carbonate and if you have a large deposit of it, I have no doubt you may be able to do something with it commercially although I am unable to advise you as to what steps you should take in the matter.

Your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

July 9, 1931

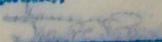
Mr. P. E. Williams,
Parker, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and also your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 1.85 troy ounces and regret to say that two ounces is the very minimum that can be accepted for purchase.

If you can add enough to these small buttons to bring their weight a trifle over two ounces I shall be very glad to have you do so, but if not, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 10, 1931

Naturita Stores Company,
Attention: Mr. John C. Blake,
Naturita, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant in which you state you are forwarding two small packages of gold for deposit at the Mint, please be advised that upon receipt here your package No. 1 consisting of amalgam grains weighs 2.96 troy ounces and your package No. 2 containing 4 retorts weighs 42/100ths of a troy ounce, a total of 3.38 troy ounces.

Noting your request that you would like to know the separate values of these lots, I have to advise that inasmuch as 2 ounces is the minimum amount of deposits accepted for purchase by the Mint, and as no deposits are treated under that amount, I am unable to give you the value of your lots individually, since to do so would require that each one be entered as a deposit.

I am holding your gold without treatment until advised by you if I shall combine the two lots and issue one check in payment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By 
Mining Superintendent

July 10, 1931

Mr. E. J. Reed,
512 Sunshine Building,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not sell silver in
any quantity nor is it the policy of the Mint to recommend
any outside dealers. I understand, however, that Carl
Stearns, Black Building in this city, occasionally disposes
of silver to merchants and would suggest that you correspond
with him in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent
By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 10, 1931

Mr. A. Griffith,
Newark Park, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your note of the 10th instant enclosing some dental scrap and regret to advise you that the Mint cannot accept for purchase deposits of this character having a value under \$100.00 and I am therefore returning your gold herewith,

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

July 10, 1931

State National Bank,
Collection Department,
El Paso, Texas.

Cent Lorenzi

Referring to my letter to you of this date advising that it was necessary to reject bars Nos. 153 and 154 (your numbers) comprising your collection No. 56891, I have to advise that the charges which have been imposed on these bars in the several melting and materials used in an effort to obtain a concordant assay of their precious metal content, amount to \$10.34 which I have to request you will kindly forward at your earliest convenience by money order or certified check upon receipt of which your instructions as to the disposition of these bars will be complied with.

Payment for the other bare in this shipment will be made
you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

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Acting Superintendent

July 11, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir;

I am returning herewith non-reimbursable voucher, in amount \$120.00, covering 200 large snode bags recently furnished by you to this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 11, 1931

Mr. W. C. Jenkins, Cashier,
First National Bank,
Central City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant in reply to my communication of the 8th instant and have to thank you for the courtesy of your prompt reply.

Answering the second paragraph of your letter, I have to state that it is entirely satisfactory to the Mint for you to forward as one deposit several small lots purchased by you from different parties as you have been doing from time to time in the past.

As far as possible the name of the state and county from which the bullion has been produced should be given as the Mint is required to submit a statistical report to the Treasury Department showing the source from which all bullion deposits have been obtained.

In order to encourage mining during the present season, the Mint is now accepting original mining gold in various lots of 2 ounces instead of requiring a value of \$100.00 in each deposit. Where several small lots are forwarded as separate deposits, however, it would be necessary to impose a polishing charge on each lot and it would therefore be a saving to you to combine as many lots as possible in each

Deposit. The selling charge imposed on each deposit is \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Daniel E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 11, 1931

Mr. Peter Riley,
C/o Riley's Confectionery,
Clifton, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 8th instant, I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at this institution but have to call your attention to the fact that deposits of original mining gold are now accepted in minimum lots of 2 ounces, the regulations requiring that deposits have a minimum value of \$100.00 applying only to manufactured or fabricated articles.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have all transportation charges prepaid and if deposits are made up of small lots from different parties and sent as one deposit, only one check can be drawn in payment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Minich
Acting Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

July 13, 1931

Mrs. M. E. Clement,
216 North 8th Street,
Sterling, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to the latter part of your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase dental gold except in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 15, 1931

Miss Isabel K. Bader,
1230 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Apt. 211,
Washington, D. C.

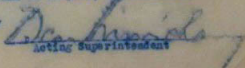
Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant,
please be advised that there are no vacancies at the Mint
at the present time and I have no knowledge of any which
might occur in the near future. Your application will be
placed on file, however, and should an occasion arise would
be glad to advise you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CE:T

July 13, 1931

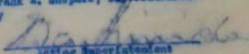
Master H. J. Limprecht,
2354 Evans Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the one-cent bronze piece forwarded with your letter of the 11th instant and have to advise that the Mint does not pay a premium on old coins nor deal in them in any manner. If coins of this kind are worth a premium it would be paid only by coin collectors of which I have no information.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent
By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 13, 1931

The Salmon River Stores Company,
Whitebird, Idaho.

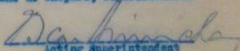
Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, please be advised that while formerly all deposits accepted for purchase by the Mint were limited to a minimum value of \$100.00, in order to encourage mining during the present season, the Mint is now accepting mining gold in lots of not less than two ounces and any deposits of that nature which you may forward here having a minimum weight of two ounces will be accepted. Kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 18, 1931

Montrose National Bank,
Montrose, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant forwarding some bullion for the account of Paul Hardin of Telluride, I am returning herewith his affidavit with the request that you will kindly have him amend same to state that he is the owner, if such be the case, of the Laura Lede Survey No. 6920 Shillic Mine and that he produced this bullion from that mine.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By 

Acting Superintendent

CH:V
Enclosure

July 15, 1931

Mr. Bert Buchanan,
Challis, Idaho. Box 206

Dear Sir:

The Post Office Department has delivered to this Mint two sacks of rock bearing your name on the outside and addressed to The Denver Assay Office, there being no such office or firm in this city.

In this connection, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing rock or sand and I would suggest that you take the matter up with the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where reliable work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Kindly advise me at once as to what disposition you desire made of the samples you have forwarded here, and if they are to be returned to you, please send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

July 13, 1931

Mr. E. Paulsgraf,
379 Mired Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant I have to state that I am unable to verify the story contained in the clipping enclosed with your letter, the Mint not keeping an index of the mines from which deposits have been received, but I surmise it is simply a matter of fiction. The clipping is returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:F
Enclosure

July 14, 1931

Frank -Zeitz Mercantile Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

A few days ago I received a package with your label on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this shipment. No deposits are entered on our books for treatment without a letter of advice and I have to request that you will advise me promptly in regard to this consignment.

I am enclosing several copies of our Form No. 104b which may be used by you as a form of advice when shipping bullion to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 14, 1931

Mr. F. F. Bretak,
106 East Spruce Street,
Doming, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your recent consignment to this institution weighing upon receipt here 3.00 troy ounces, I have to advise that a preliminary test of your material indicates that it consists of brass and not gold and it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OK:V

July 14, 1931

Dr. P. W. Herrick,
Socraton, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment to this institution, which you state weighs 7,000 grains, which would be equivalent to 14.71 troy ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 15.13 troy ounces which is considerably less than the amount stated by you. Owing to this discrepancy I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you, before I proceed to treat your deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:f

gold since the regulations require that on each deposit containing 25% or more of white gold alloys an extra melting charge of \$1.00 for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof be imposed.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:2

July 14, 1941

The Middle West Agency Company,
Snyder Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 14th instant in regard to the bond of James W. Coff, employee at this institution, and have to advise that it was Mr. Coff's intention some months ago to retire from the Government service in the belief that his health would not permit his continuance. He later improved so much physically that he reconsidered his determination to resign and his employment has continued up to the present time and so far as I am aware, he now has no intention of leaving. Under these conditions his bond, of course, will remain in force and the premium thereon be due for payment at the proper time.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:2

July 15, 1931

The United Operating Trust Incorporated,
Mr. S. B. Van Ness, Secretary and Treasurer,
Rochester, New York. P.O. Box 161

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 13th instant and am very much interested in its contents but regret to say that the Mint cannot accept deposits of ore even though it may have a very high gold and silver content - the Mint not having any facilities for treating material of that kind.

All metallic deposits or retorts where the mercury has been well driven off will be accepted for purchase, provided there is a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Each deposit must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

FRANK W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 15, 1931

American Smelting & Refining Company,
 Selby, California.

Gentlemen:

At the request of the State National Bank of El Paso, Texas, I have forwarded to you this day by Railway Express Agency, Inc., charges collect, the following described bars of bullion for the account of said bank:

<u>No. of Bar</u>	<u>Weight Troy Grams</u>	<u>Value</u>
135	687.08	\$ 1,300.00
136	1112.84	2,000.00

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Off:
 CC to State National Bank,
 El Paso, Texas.

July 16, 1931

Mrs. M. B. Clement,
216 North 8th Street,
Sterling, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 14th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase mining gold in its original state in minimum lots of 2 ounces and pay \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge.

Trusting the above is the information desired by you, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 17, 1931

The Frank Zeitz Mining & Reduction Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Attention: Frank Zeitz, Jr.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant regarding your consignment to this institution, I note that you state your gold bullion weighs one and one-half pounds and has an approximate value of \$400.00.

Upon receipt here your material weighs 15.00 troy ounces, which is considerably less than the amount stated by you and its value therefore will fall below that placed thereon by you.

In view of these discrepancies, I have to request that you advise me promptly if the weight as received here, 15.00 troy ounces, is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank Zeitz, Jr., President

CHT

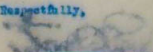
July 18, 1931

Dr. C. M. McArthur,
117 Michigan Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise that your shipment of recent date has not been covered by a letter of advice and can not be entered on our books for treatment until such a letter has been received. Please advise us promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 16, 1931

Mr. W. W. Pondexter,
Globe, Arizona. Box 1207

Dear Sir:

With reference to your contribution to this institution, I have to advise that no deposits are entered on our books for treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice which I have to request you will forward me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WWT

July 16, 1931

The Second National Bank of Kalispell,
Kalispell, Montana.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that your various lots have a total weight of 7.74 troy ounces, including the foreign substances contained therein.

I note that you wish to be advised regarding the platinum contained in this material and have to state that the Mint makes no allowance for platinum contained in deposits nor undertake to separate it therefrom.

Please advise me if you are willing to waive any platinum values which may be contained in this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:G

July 17, 1951

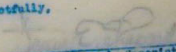
Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

As requested by the Director of the Mint under date of the 13th instant, I am forwarding you this day by registered mail one complete set of assay ton weights from .05 to 4 assay tons in lieu of a set which he states you will forward to this institution in exchange.

The set being forwarded to you has this day been checked by the scale repairer at this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 17, 1931

Shoshone Brothers,
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I have your inquiry of recent date and have to state that the Mint will purchase gold filled or solid gold ware when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided that each deposit will have not less than one-fifth of its weight in pure gold or gold and silver.

As you are probably aware gold filled material has a very small proportion of gold and unless you are able to include a generous proportion of solid gold, I would suggest that you include the proper amount of good silver. Each deposit must be accompanied by a letter of advice and have all transportation charges prepaid.

I am enclosing a circular which contains full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and I would suggest that you read same carefully and be sure that your shipments comply with the conditions therein contained.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 17, 1931

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant,
please be advised that there are no papers or documents,
etc., at this institution which I would recommend at this
time be destroyed as having no permanent value or historical
interest.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CM:P

July 17, 1931

Mr. Daniel W. Sharp,
3634 North Greeley Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant and I reply here to say that it would be impossible for me to comply with the request contained in your letter to ^{inform you} what coins can be purchased from time to time at the different Mints as I have no information as to what coins may be available at the other institutions, and also to the fact that no new coins are distributed to individuals from the Mints unless application therefor is made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., who may or may not approve the forwarding of all coins requested.

At the present time the only coins of \$1.00 and under available for distribution at this institution consist of the following:

Standard Silver Dollar, coinage of 1921-22-23-27,
Half Dollar, coinage of 1929,
Quarter Dollar, coinage of 1925-29
Dime, coinage of 1923-29
Five-cent Nickel, coinage of 1929,
One-cent Bronze, coinage of 1923-25-31.

These ~~coins~~ are all uncirculated and will be supplied you under the conditions above stated & a voucher pertaining to the order in which your application should be made has been enclosed herewith.

No gold coinage is manufactured of any denomination under \$5, nor does the Mint at the present time manufacture proof coins.

Respectfully,

CH.T
Enclosures

July 17, 1931

Mr. Ernest Gotschalk,
457 Stinson Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 15th instant, please be advised that this Mint does not manufacture proof coins nor publish a list of any kind for distribution.

Application for articulated coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Your two-cent postage stamp is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

July 18, 1931

Mrs. Lealie Short,
184 Harvard Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Madam:

Answering the inquiry contained in your letter of the 16th instant please be advised that the Government never calls in any of its coins nor does it pay a premium on any coins which become rare or for any other reason command premiums by coin collectors.

I would suggest that you write to some numismatic society or large dealer in coins for the information which you desire.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:R
Enclosure

July 18, 1921

Mr. Jacob L. MacCulvin
C/o Binghampton Service Station,
Amboy, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 16th instant and in reply have to advise that the records in this institution show you were employed here as temporary helper from September 27, 1921 to November 15, 1921, your compensation being at the rate of \$1.50 per diem and your services of a satisfactory character.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 18, 1931

Dr. F. A. Helts,
Milbert, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant and the \$1.00 enclosed by you to cover the melting charges on the dental scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, and in compliance with your request I have this day returned this material to you by express, charges collect.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

July 20, 1931

Mr. E. A. Williams,
23 South Fifth Street,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant, I have to advise that gold in amalgam form is purchased by the Mint only when all mercury possible has been driven therefrom.

The Mint now receives deposits of mining gold when sent in lots having a minimum weight of 2 troy ounces and such consignments as you may forward here, practically free from mercury, will be accepted for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 20, 1931

Mr. C. H. Woods,
Hurley, New Mexico, Box 542

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold when sent in lots of not less than 2 ounces, provided it is mining gold. Deposits of gold manufactured articles and not virgin gold is accepted only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Depositors should ship their bullion in such manner as may be most convenient to them, that is by parcel post, insured, or by express - transportation charges in either case to be prepaid by the depositor.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, and also a small treatment charge.

Should you forward any gold to the Mint, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 20, 1921

Mountain Plains Companies, Inc.,
Attention: Mr. J. C. Clark, Manager,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 17th instant, which you state weighs approximately 22 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your bullion weighs 19.43 troy ounces and is very wet with acid.

I am also in receipt of your bullion under date of the 16th instant which you invoice at approximately 8 ounces, while upon receipt here it weighs 7.60 troy ounces.

Will you kindly advise me promptly if the weight of these deposits as received here is satisfactory to you. Your consignments are being held without treatment for further advice from you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 20, 1931

Mr. A. B. Jacobs,
President, First National Bank,
Missoula, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th instant calling my attention to the before-melting weight of your deposit of June 15th and stating you are dissatisfied therewith.

In reply I have to advise that upon receipt here all deposits both large and small are weighed and checked by two employees independently of each other and each one of these employees noted the weight of your consignment as being 8.63 troy ounces when received. Since the receipt of your letter I have reweighed your bar to check its after-melting weight and find that its weight, together with the grains and assayer's samples, is 8.66 troy ounces. The normal loss in melting bullion of the character of that contained in your bar would be approximately the loss which occurred in this instance, .07 of a troy ounce, and it therefore appears practically impossible that any mistake could have been made as to its weight before melting and its true weight was undoubtedly as noted on our memorandum of return.

It occurs to me that you and Mr. Lawson must have used

avoirdupois weights in weighing this bullion, while deposits at the Mint are weighed with troy weights and if this be true it will account to a large extent for the difference between your weight and that reported by the Mint.

Our scales are checked each working day and adjusted to extreme accuracy and every precaution is taken to safeguard deposits from errors at each step of the work and I am confident the weight of your bar before melting as noted on our return is the true weight which we received.

I regret that any doubt should arise in this matter and wish to assure you that I am always glad to have my attention called to any apparent discrepancies in the payment of deposits.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 20, 1931

Miss Mary Del Dutton,
Comanche, Texas. Box 656

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, please be advised that the Government does not deal in old coins in any manner nor pay a premium thereon. If there is a premium on the so-called Indian head one-cent bronze piece, it is paid by coin collectors but I have no information on the subject.

I am returning herewith your stamped envelope and regret that I can give you no assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:R
Enclosure

July 20, 1931

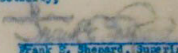
Catherine Ford,
White Sulphur Springs, Montana. Box 96.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of a package with your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning same.

No deposits are entered on our books for treatment and purchase unless the depositories send a letter of advice concerning the material forwarded for purchase and I therefore have to request you to advise me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R

July 20, 1931

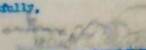
Gott-Wiemer Company,
St. Joseph, Missouri, Box 396.

Gentlemen:

I have your consignment of recent date but so far have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

Since no deposits can be entered on our books for treatment without a letter of advice, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:W

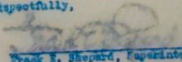
July 20, 1931

Krause Gold Refinery,
928 Main Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your consignment under date of the 17th instant consisting of 14 pieces and note that you state this material weighs 117.35 ounces, while upon receipt here it weighs 117.28 troy ounces. Owing to this discrepancy in weight, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat your material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 20, 1931

Mr. William Allison,
Jarbridge, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package from you consisting of pieces of rock and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material. However, your rock appears to be white iron and apparently has no values in the precious metals.

If you desire a reliable assay made of your material, however, I would suggest that you send a sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where work of this kind can be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Should you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WMS:2

July 20, 1921

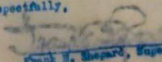
Mr. T. Bracamonte,
Winkelman, Arizona. Box 124.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold. Your deposit weighed 3.14 troy ounces after melting but its fineness in gold amounted to 899 $\frac{1}{2}$ assay parts out of a possible 1000 which would represent pure gold. This gave it a pure gold content of 2.1972 troy ounces, which, multiplied by \$20.67, the rate per troy ounce for pure gold, gives a gold value of \$45.42. It also contained 295 $\frac{1}{2}$ assay parts of pure silver out of a possible 1000, which gave it a pure silver content of .9278 of an ounce, or a silver value of 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Your deposit therefore had a gross value of \$45.69, and after deducting the Mint charges of \$1.13, it had a net value of \$44.56, the amount paid you.

You evidently estimated that you would be paid \$20.67 for the after melting weight of your deposit and overlooked the fact that it was not pure gold but instead contained a small amount of silver and some base metal.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:W

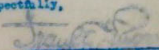
July 21, 1931

Mr. J. C. Teicher, District Manager.
Thirteenth Civil Service District
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Teicher:

I have your letter of the 20th instant and in reply have to advise that at the present time there exists one vacancy in the position of Guard at this institution but I do not expect to fill this position during the coming year nor do I expect any additional vacancies in that position during the present year.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

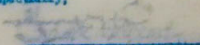
July 31, 1931

Comstock & Company,
Grand at Fifth,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept for purchase platinum deposits. I would suggest that you get in touch with some of the larger platinum dealers such as Baker & Company, Newark, New Jersey, or J. Bishop & Company Platinum Works, Malvern, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

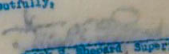
July 22, 1931

Mr. J. W. Hale,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit of the 21st instant, I note in your letter you request the payment of 15% royalty from the proceeds of this deposit to the Long Island Mining Company at Breckenridge, Colorado, and have to advise that only one check may be issued in payment of a deposit, under which conditions I am unable to comply with your request and will therefore issue check to you in full payment of your deposit and such royalties as may be due other parties will have to be paid by you.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 22, 1931

The City National Bank,
Attention: Mr. E. B. McCoy, Cashier,
Lawton, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant, please be advised that consignments to the Mint may be forwarded in any manner agreeable to the depositor - the Mint requiring only that all transportation charges be prepaid and that each consignment be accompanied by a letter of advice - under which conditions your gold may be forwarded by registered mail, insured parcel post, or by express, as you may prefer.

The Mint will now accept deposits of mining gold in lots of not less than 2 pounds, but the regulation regarding manufactured gold remains as it has been in force for some time that such deposits have a value of at least \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R

July 22, 1931

Adams Dental Laboratory,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your label but to date have not received from you the required letter of advice concerning same. As no deposits are entered on our books for treatment and payment until such letter has been received, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:2

July 22, 1931

Mr. H. B. Woods,
Twin Bridges, Montana.

Dear Sir:

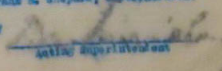
I am in receipt of a package bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you the required letter of advice concerning same. No deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and payment until such advice has been received and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this deposit.

In forwarding your letter of advice please state the name of the state, county and mine from which this bullion has been produced as the Mint is required to keep statistics regarding the production of all gold and your cooperation in this respect will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CHS

July 23, 1931

Mr. Elmer Crabb,
Clinton, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 20th instant and the package of ore forwarded by you for assay, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ENC

July 23, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
cash remittances as commissions on telephone booths K-
9725 and Ma-9972 for the period June 17th to July 18th,
1931, in amounts 47¢ and 40¢ respectively.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 24, 1931

The Linde Air Products Company,
20 West 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. R. W. Morris

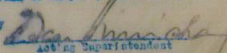
Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant, I have to advise that your proposal to furnish oxygen and acetylene gases at this institution during the fiscal year 1932 was approved by the Director of the Mint on June 29th and I find that the formal letter of acceptance, with triplicate copy of your proposal attached, was mailed to your local office, 2101 Blake Street, this city. I am enclosing herewith a copy of said letter of acceptance for your files.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

July 24, 1931

Mr. Joseph C. Prastini,
8131 West Clyde Place,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant and in reply regret to say that I am unable to offer you employment at the present time owing to the fact that no additions are being made to our force, and it is necessary when appointments are made that names be taken from the eligible list established by the United States Civil Service Commission. I would suggest that you see the Manager of the 13th Civil Service District here in Denver in regard to such examinations as may be held in the near future.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 24, 1931

Mrs. E. J. Bork,
Eads, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

In answering your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounces of pure gold, but mining gold is not accepted in lots of less than 2 ounces, and manufactured gold is accepted only in lots having a value of at least \$100.00.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

July 24, 1921

Mr. Francis Lopez,
General Delivery,
Taos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that no deposits have been received from the Mystic Mine near Thermo, New Mexico, since January 1st, 1921.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 25, 1931

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter of the 23rd instant forwarding 8000 Mexican gold pesos, I have to advise that the affidavit accompanying your letter is required by virtue of regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with the tariff laws of this country and until such regulations have been amended or revoked, it is necessary that affidavits be forwarded to cover all deposits of Mexican gold at this institution regardless of any modifications of the laws of that country.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 25, 1931

Master Glove Company,
4812 Rainier Ave.,
Seattle, Wash.

Sirs:-

Referring to your proposal dated the 13th instant,
to furnish this institution certain heavy horsehide gloves,
please be advised that the order has been placed with the
American Glove Company, for a glove that will meet our re-
quirements, at \$6.25 per dozen pairs, less 1% 10 days,
F.O.B., Denver. Your sample glove is returned herewith.

Thanking you for making this proposal, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent,

By *Don L. Hinchey*
Acting Superintendent.

July 25, 1931

Standard Glove Works,
336 6th St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Referring to your proposal dated the 15th instant,
to furnish this institution certain heavy horsehide gloves,
please be advised that the order has been placed with the
American Glove Company, for a glove that will meet our re-
quirements, at \$6.25 per dozen pairs, less 1% 10 days.
P.O.B., Denver. Your sample pair of gloves is returned
herewith.

Thanking you for making this proposal, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

By *Don Kinichy*
Acting Superintendent.

July 27, 1931

Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and under separate cover have received the set of assay ton weights forwarded by you for adjustment by authority of the Director of the Mint.

In the letter from the Director under date of the 13th instant advising me that you would forward a set of assay ton weights for adjustment, he suggested that we send you a set if possible to be retained by you in place of the set you would forward to the Mint and unless you are particularly desirous of having your set returned, I would suggest that the suggestion of the Director be complied with - a copy of his letter in the premises being enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

July 27, 1931

Mr. W. E. Henderson,
Lake City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 24th instant, I have to advise that the Mint is now accepting deposits of mining gold in lots of not less than 2 ounces- the requirement that all deposits contain \$100.00 in value being waived for material of that character. The latter requirement, however, still obtains relative to gold in manufactured form and no deposits of mining gold are accepted under 2 ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 27, 1931

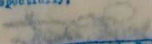
Mr. David S. Boyd,
C/o Citizens State Bank,
Ouray, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant I have to advise that the Mint will purchase mining gold in minimum lots of 2 ounces and it will not be necessary for you to retort your concentrating dust, small nuggets, etc., as the Mint would accept your material in that form. However, no deposits in the form of gold ore are accepted and if your specimens consist of material of that character, I would suggest that you break them up if possible and forward the free gold with your other lots.

In view of the fact that you have collected these specimens from various sources, the locality from which each one has been obtained need not be stated.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 27, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1515 ~~Commerce~~ ^{Assessors} Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I regret to say that if any platinum was forwarded with your deposit of the 14th instant, it would now be impossible for me to separate it therefrom and return it to you; nor would it be possible for the Mint to make payment for the platinum should an assay disclose its presence in this deposit as the Government does not buy that metal.

If request had been made for the return of your bar prior to payment, this could have been done but at this late date I can see no way in which I can be of assistance to you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WHS:f

July 29, 1931

Standard Dental Laboratory,
Medical & Dental Arts Building,
184 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant stating that you were forwarding about 1200 pennyweights of grindings, which would equal 80 troy ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here the weight of this material is 54.07 troy ounces. As this discrepancy is considerable, I am holding your scrap without treatment and would ask that you kindly advise me at the earliest practical date, if the weight as ascertained here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EFV:2

July 27, 1931

Mr. C. A. VanDusen, President,
First National Bank,
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant inclosing three gold buttons, please be advised that upon receipt here the weight of these buttons is 1.96 troy ounces and as the minimum weight of mining gold received by the Mint is 2 ounces, we cannot accept this deposit. If your customer can send enough additional material to bring the weight above 2 ounces, I will be very glad to accept it, but if this is impossible, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this gold to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ENC

July 27, 1931

Mr. Alva A. Peik,
1441 North Madison,
Wichita, Kansas.

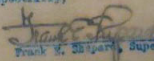
Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of recent date relative to obtaining the quarter dollar of the new design to be issued in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, I have to advise that so far as I am aware models of the new design have not yet been accepted by the Treasury Department and its coinage will not be begun until early in the year 1932.

No quarter dollars have been coined at this institution during the year 1931 and none were issued during 1930 - the last pieces of this denomination struck and now available being for the years 1928-29.

To obtain new coins from the Mint it is necessary that application therefor be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in accordance with the enclosed circular which please read carefully,

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 27, 1931

Mrs. Lula D. Trimble,
Georgetown, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your inquiry of the 25th instant,
please be advised that no deposits of gold have been re-
ceived at this institution under the name of T. E. Rice
from the McKnight Placer.

Please note in Mr. Rice's letter to you of July
23rd he states he will forward you your royalty as soon as
he returns to his office in Canon City, Colorado.

Mr. Rice's letters to you of July 6th and 23rd,
together with your self-addressed envelope, are returned
you herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T
Enclosures

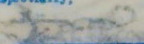
July 27, 1931

Mr. Charles J. Hutchison,
Hillsboro, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant,
please be advised that no deposits have been received
at this institution in the name of R. E. Ward or Bob
Edwards.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 28, 1931

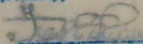
Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

At the request of Mr. Elmer Crabb, of Clinton, Oklahoma, I have this day forwarded to you by insured parcel post sample of ore sent by him to this institution for assay. He indicates on his letter to me of July 25th that he has sent you carbon copy of same which will explain the matter to you.

I am enclosing money order from Mr. Crabb, No. 202631, for \$2.00 payable to your office, which is intended to cover cost of assay for gold and silver of his material.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure
CC to Mr. Crabb.

July 28, 1931

Mr. Elmer Crabb,
Clinton, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 25th instant I have this day forwarded by insured parcel post to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, the sample of ore sent by you to this Mint for assay, using the postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose. I have also forwarded to said office your money order, No. 202621, for \$2.00, as requested by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:5

July 28, 1931

City National Bank,
R. B. McCoy, Cashier,
Lawton, Oklahoma.

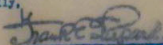
Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment of the 24th instant, I have to advise that its weight upon receipt here is 10.09 troy ounces and its approximate value \$60.00 although this cannot be determined definitely until your bar has been melted.

If you will refer to my letter of the 22nd instant, you will note that unless deposits consist of original mining gold, it is necessary that they have a value of at least \$100.00, under which conditions it will be necessary for your client to send some additional gold to be added to this deposit before it can be accepted, provided it is not original mining gold.

I am enclosing a card which I have to request you will have your client fill out and sign in either case, and please return this card with your reply, your deposit being held without treatment until I am advised as to whether it is mining gold or fabricated material, in which latter event it will be necessary for you to send the required amount of additional material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 28, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day to acknowledge the receipt of
the following dies via Railway Express Agency, Inc., on
Government bill of lading No. 123472:

6 - Obverse Dime Dies, Nos. 51 to 56.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

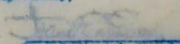
July 26, 1931

Mr. Julius I. Chait,
1303 Douglas Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th instant and the jewelry scrap mentioned therein. The small envelope contained .48 of a troy ounce of brass, which is of no value and has been withheld from your deposit. If you wish this brass returned to you, please forward the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECV:T

July 28, 1903

Junior McManister,
2746 South 48th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Junior:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant,
I have to say that if premiums are being paid for
the Indian Head Pennies and for the V-Nickels, they
are paid by coin collectors. The Mint does not deal
in old coins and does not have any information in
this respect. You may find advertisements of coin
collectors in some of the larger magazines.

Respectfully,

ECF:R

Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent.

July 29, 1931

Buffalo Exploration & Mining Company,
McIntyre Building,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

No deposits may be entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice and I am therefore holding your consignment without treatment and have to request you will kindly advise me promptly concerning this deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 29, 1931

American Mines & Smelting Company,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment from you but to date have not had your usual letter of advice concerning same which is necessary before your deposit may be entered on our books for treatment. As you have unobtainably overlooked sending this advice, I have to request that you will forward same at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 30, 1931

Vannoy Jewelry Company,
Denton, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 26th instant and in view of the fact that the latter will approximate only about 50% of the minimum value received for purchase, namely \$100.00, I am unable to enter your deposit for acceptance.

If you can send enough good gold to bring this shipment up to the required value, I should be very glad to have you do so, but if this is not convenient, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at this institution which I would suggest you read and place on file for your guidance in forwarding consignments to the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

July 30, 1931

Mr. Charles E. Easton,
1036 - 18th Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant,
please be advised that at the present time the Mint is en-
tirely closed to visitors, this regulation having been in
force for a number of years and so far as I am aware will
be continued indefinitely.

I regret that I am unable to extend to you the
courtesy requested.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1931

Mr. Bert Buchanan,
 Challis, Idaho.

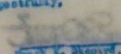
Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the Elst instant,
 I have this day forwarded to the United States Assay Office
 at Salt Lake City, Utah, by insured parcel post, the samples
 of rock sent by you to this institution for assay, using
 the SO₂ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	16¢
Insurance	8¢
Storage returned	25¢

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the above
 named office accompanying your samples.

Respectfully,


 Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
 Enclosures

July 20, 1931

United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Bert Dughan of Challis,
Idaho, I have this day forwarded to you by insured parcel
post some samples of rock sent by him to this institution
for assay and am enclosing a copy of his letter relative
to the determinations he desires made and inquiring cost
of same.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHIT
Enclosure

July 30, 1931

Buigraut Gold Mining Company,
Livingston, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 28th instant and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 2.44 troy ounces. This gold has been cleaned satisfactorily but in making future shipments, I would suggest that you forward your gold in a leather pouch, if obtainable, but if not that it be enclosed in a paper or cardboard container, as one of your bottles was broken and some of the finer particles of glass are included in the above weight of your material.

I will proceed to treat your gold and check will be mailed you in due course.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

July 30, 1931

Mr. John Howe,
Stockville, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant, please be advised it is necessary that deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals under which conditions your floor gold in the proportion of one ounce to 10 pounds of concentrate could not be accepted.

The Mint does not accept deposits containing loose mercury and this should be driven off as far as possible by retorting your material. I am unable to give you any instructions how to handle your gold as the Mint could not accept any responsibility in such matters, nor would I be able to do so without knowledge of local conditions.

Deposits of mining gold will be accepted in lots having a minimum content of 2 ounces gold and no payment is made for tungsten, copper, or other metals - silver and gold alone being purchased by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:E

DENVER July 31, 1931

DAY LETTERFIRST NATIONAL BANK
EL PASO TEXAS

IN RE YOUR TELEGRAM THIS DATE MINT CANNOT ACCEPT DEPOSING
MEXICAN GOLD UNLESS COVERED BY SATISFACTORY AFFIDAVITS AND PERMITS
FROM UNITED STATES CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT PORTS OF ENTRY WITHOUT
ANY CHANGE IN PRESENT REQUIREMENTS. TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL
ADVISE ME WHEN AND IF ANY CHANGE PERMITTED IN THIS MATTER.

Superintendent Mint

Collect Charges at El Paso

July 31, 1931

Mr. W. M. Macomber,
64 South Main Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not sell silver in
any quantity under which conditions I am unable to com-
ply with your request for a bar of 500 ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

July 31, 1931

Mr. Edw. Anderson,
O/o Annie Store,
Marano, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your note and consignment under date of the 28th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 4.85 troy ounces.

In view of the fact that deposits of mining gold are not accepted in lots of less than two ounces and there is no way of determining the weight of your bottle and the amalgam contained thereⁱⁿ had thus arrive at the amount of gold forwarded by you, I would suggest that you send some additional gold to be added to this lot in order that your deposit may contain at least two ounces of gold.

Pending further advice from you, I am holding your consignment without treatment and have to request that you will kindly advise me promptly in regard to the additional amount to be forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enc.

August 3, 1931

Miss Grace Carter,
980 Third Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Miss Carter:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to state that there is no position as typist vacant in this institution nor do I anticipate that there will be any in the near future.

Your letter will be placed on file and I will be pleased to communicate with you if anything should develop.

Regretting my inability to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

HCF:T

August 3, 1931

Mr. Rowland K. Goddard,
Secret Service Operative,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

Enclosed please find one counterfeit quarter received this date from the Bovina Lumber Company, C. E. Patrick, Manager, of Bovina, Colorado, for such action as you may desire to take in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECV:T
Enclosure

August 3, 1931

Dr. Leon M. Knedeking,
Belcourt, N. D. Box 16

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 29th, last, please be advised that an examination of our files does not show the receipt of any order from you for 500 Lincoln cents.

In this connection please be advised that we could not have filled the order had it been received as applications for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:7
Enclosure

August 3, 1931

The Bovine Lumber Company,
Mr. C. E. Patrick, Manager,
Bovina, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your note of the 1st instant enclosing counterfeit quarter, please be advised that I am unable to reimburse you for this counterfeit coin as the regulations require that it be turned over to the Treasury Department Secret Service Agent, which is being done this date.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

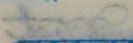
August 3, 1931

Meyer Jewelry Company,
Fifth Floor, Boley Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your advice of the 1st stating that you were forwarding 650 pennyweights (32.50 troy ounces) of gold, and have to state that upon receipt here this lot weighed 30.68 troy ounces, a difference of 1.82 troy ounces. As this is a considerable difference, I am holding your consignment until you can notify us whether or not our weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BCF:T

August 3, 1931

Mr. Francis P. Lopez,
Tosco, New Mexico, General Delivery.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 30th, last, in reference to deposits from the Mystic Mine, near Thermo, New Mexico. Please refer to my letter to you of July 24th, last, in which it was stated that no deposits had been received from said mine.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:2

August 3, 1901

Dr. Leon M. Madsen,
P. O. Box 18,
Belcourt, North Dakota.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo,
please be advised that the 500 Lincoln cents referred
to were shipped to you by express, charges collect, to
Bella, North Dakota, on June 29th, last, as per order
from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

RCF:7

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 3, 1931

Mr. Walter I. Dawkins,
The Severn Apartments,
Cathedral & Monument Streets,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have to advise you that as far this year we have struck the double eagle and one-cent bronze pieces which are available for distribution. We have dimes in process of manufacture and they will be ready for distribution about the 15th of next month.

In this connection please be advised that applications for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C. as per the enclosed circular,

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

FMS:T
Enclosure

DESVENR AUGUST 4, 1931

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
LAS CRUCES NEW MEXICO

IN RE YOUR LETTER AUGUST FIRST MINT CANNOT ACCEPT DEPOSITING
MEXICAN GOLD UNLESS COVERED BY SATISFACTORY AFFIDAVITS AND PERMITS
FROM UNITED STATES CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT PORTS OF ENTRY WITHOUT ANY
CHANGE IN PRESENT REQUIREMENTS. TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE ME
WHEN AND IF ANY CHANGES PERMITTED IN THIS MATTER.

Superintendent Mint

Collect Charges at Las Cruces.

August 4, 1931

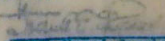
The El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant relative to shipments to this institution of Mexican gold. In reply please be advised that I have not received any instructions from the Treasury Department to waive any of the present regulations requiring the production of satisfactory affidavits and proper clearance through the custom house at port of entry.

The regulations which have been in force for some time were prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington, D. C. (as you doubtless know), and until I am notified to waive them they will remain in full force.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EOF:T

August 4, 1931

The State National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant relative to shipments to this institution of Mexican gold. In reply please be advised that I have not received any instructions from the Treasury Department to waive any of the present regulations requiring the production of satisfactory affidavits and proper clearance through the custom house at port of entry.

The regulations which have been in force for some time were prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington, D. C. (as you doubtless know), and until I am notified to waive them they will remain in full force.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

ESF:2

August 4, 1931

The City National Bank,
Lawton, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 21st ultimo in further reference to the consignment for Mr. J. M. Stephens, please be advised that a test of this material shows it to be fabricated gold and as such is subject to our requirement of a minimum of \$100 in value, the least that can be accepted for deposit.

I am returning this material to you by express, charges collect, and regret that I am unable to handle this material, but the regulations prohibit me from doing so.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 5, 1931

State National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter to you under date of the 4th instant relative to the receipt of Mexican gold, please be advised that I have just received the following instructions from the Acting Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.:

"A new Mexican monetary law operative July twenty seven nineteen thirty one provides that the export and import of gold coin and bullion are declared to be free. Gold from Mexico may now be accepted in the same manner and under the same regulations as gold from any other country."

Please consult United States Customs officers as to tariff requirements, and the usual clearance papers should be forwarded with each consignment so passed.

Any consignments you may make to this Mint will have our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 6, 1941

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter to you under date of the 4th instant relative to the receipt of Mexican gold, please be advised that I have just received the following instructions from the Acting Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.:

"A new Mexican monetary law operative July twenty seven nineteen thirty one provides that the export and import of gold coin and bullion are declared to be free. Gold from Mexico may now be accepted in the same manner and under the same regulations as gold from any other country."

Please consult United States Customs officers as to tariff requirements, and the usual clearance papers should be forwarded with each consignment so passed.

Any consignments you may make to this Mint will have our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 8, 1931

First National Bank,
Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

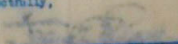
Referring to my telegram to you under date of the 4th instant relative to the receipt of Mexican gold, please be advised that I have just received the following instructions from the Acting Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.:

"A new Mexican monetary law operative July twenty seven nineteen thirty one provides that the export and import of gold coin and bullion are declared to be free. Gold from Mexico may now be accepted in the same manner and under the same regulations as gold from any other country."

Please consult United States Customs officers as to tariff requirements, and the usual clearance papers should be forwarded with each shipment so passed.

Any consignments you may make to this Mint will have our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

BMF:G

August 5, 1931

First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my telegram to you under date of July 31st, last, relative to the receipt of Mexican gold, please be advised that I have just received the following instructions from the Acting Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.:

"A new Mexican monetary law operative July twenty seven nineteen thirty one provides that the export and import of gold coin and bullion are declared to be free. Gold from Mexico may now be accepted in the same manner and under the same regulations as gold from any other country."

Please consult United States Customs officers as to tariff requirements, and the usual clearance papers should be forwarded with each shipment so passed.

Any consignments you may make to this Mint will have our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:R

August 5, 1931

Mr. E. McQueen,
Churchill, Manitoba,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ultimo addressed to The Denver Assaying Company has been handed to me by the Post Office Department - there being no such company in this city. In reply thereto please be advised that the Mint does not make such assays as you desire and I am returning herewith your money order for \$10 enclosed with your letter.

You can have reliable assays made by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, and I would suggest that you communicate with that office, stating definitely the assays you wish made.

Your samples have not yet been received and I would request that you inform me at an early date what you wish done with them. If you desire their return to you, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


FRANK L. SHEPARD, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 5, 1931

First National Bank,
 Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to regulations that have been effect relative to importation of gold from Mexico, please be advised that I have just received the following instructions from the Acting Director of the Mint, Washington D.C.:

"A new Mexican monetary law operative July twenty seven nineteen thirty one provides that the export and import of gold coin and bullion are declared to be free. Gold from Mexico may now be accepted in the same manner and under the same regulations as gold from any other country."

Please consult United States Customs officers as to tariff requirements, and the usual clearance papers should be forwarded with each consignment so passed.

Any consignments you may make to this Mint will have our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,


Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

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August 5, 1951

Mr. Walter Paarmann,
102 Amarillo Building,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date and of the scrap gold mentioned therein which weighs 4.68 troy ounces. The minimum value that can be accepted for deposit is \$100 and as your material will not approximate this, I have to request that you send enough additional gold of the same kind to bring the value up to at least \$100. If you cannot do this your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

BCP:T

August 5, 1931

John H. Vinson,
Building,
Oklahoma.
Dear Sir:

J. Frank Binder, Adjutant of the Leyden-Whites-
Wickersham No. 1, American Legion of this city, has re-
ferred your letter of the 1st instant to me for reply.

Please be advised that the Mint cannot handle ores
containing gold and silver. The precious metals must be se-
parated from the ores and in bullion form before they can
be accepted for deposit. We will be glad to receive any such
bullion as you may send us and will have our prompt and
careful attention.

I am enclosing a circular that will give you de-
tailed information relative to the receipt of deposits at the
Mints. In this connection, I desire to state that during
this year the Mint will receive mining gold in quantities of
not less than two troy ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ENCLOSURE
Enclosure

CO to Mr. Binder

August 6, 1931

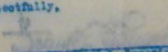
Mr. O. H. Rogers,
Tasadiun, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant please be advised that upon receipt here your bottle with the gold weighed but 1.29 troy ounces.

As two ounces of gold is the minimum that we can accept, I would suggest that you send at least one and a half ounces of gold in order to bring the net weight above two ounces. Upon receipt of this additional amount, the two lots will be combined and payment made promptly. Kindly advise at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 6, 1931

Mr. D. E. Becker,
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant and to scrap gold received under separate cover, please be advised that the weight of your material is 11.45 troy ounces, instead of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as stated by you.

In view of this difference in weight, I am holding your consignment without treatment and ask you to inform me promptly if the weight ascertained here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BCP:T

August 6, 1931

Mr. John Vogelstein,
Dallas, Texas. P.O. Box 2914

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 4th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided each deposit contains at least one-fifth of its weight in pure gold and silver.

The Mint pays \$20.67 an ounce for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposit, and imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a nominal treatment charge.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject from which you will note that in addition to the above requirements, each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice. Your package should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and have all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BOF:T
Enclosure

August 7, 1931

Mr. John D. Breeden,
1015 Ottawa Street,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 5, 1931, was received relative to information on course of production of mined gold by small operators.

Such small deposits of gold bullion made at this Mint come from various mining districts of Colorado, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona.

To successfully recover even small lots of gold values requires considerable experience in and knowledge of mining methods and the condition of the country where such deposits are most likely to be found.

Furthermore, considerable expense would be required to cover items of food, supplies, mining tools and fittings involved in mining or prospecting work.

Unless you have had some mining experience it would be better for you to seek employment in the line of work with which you are familiar.

This is not to discourage you from entering the fascinating field of gold discovery but one considering such employment should understand what experience is necessary and the expense required in preparation.

Under present regulations, deposits of gold bullion weighing two ounces or more, troy weight, may be made at this Mint.

Or, containing gold, or amalgam containing gold or silver values are not acceptable for deposits at the Mint. Free gold from stamp or placer operations, cleaned from impurities, is acceptable, provided the free gold weighs two ounces, troy weight, or more.

August 7, 1921

I am enclosed an abstract of regulations covering the receipt of gold bullion, also table of Mint charges for handling and melting gold bullion deposits.

Respectfully,
Superintendent, Denver.

Trusting this gives you the desired information, I am
Dear Sir,

Your letter, August 5, 1921, was received relative to
the matter of value of production of mined gold by small operators.

Such small operators are Superintendent
of the various mining districts of Colorado, Montana, Idaho,
Utah, and Arizona.

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It is impossible to recover even small lots of gold values
without considerable experience in and knowledge of mining meth-
ods and the condition of the country where such deposits are most
likely to be found.

Furthermore, considerable expense would be required to equip
such a party, supplies, mining tools and fittings involved in
mining operations.

Unless you have had some mining experience as we did be-
fore, for you to seek employment in the line of work with which
you are familiar.

This is not to discourage you from entering the fascinating
line of gold discovery but are considering such employment
should note what experts are in necessary and the expense re-
quired in preparation.

Under present regulations, deposits of gold bullion weigh-
ing two ounces or more, may be made at this Mint.

When melting gold, or silver containing gold or silver
deposited with the Mint, the weight of the gold or silver
deposited is given, and the weight of the gold or silver
received from the Mint is given. The difference between the two
weights is the weight of the gold or silver lost in the melting
process.

August 7, 1921

Mr. John D. Brecken,
1115 Ottawa Street,
Lawrenceville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 6, 1921, was received relative to information on source of production of mined gold by small operators.

Such small deposits of gold bullion made at this Mint come from various mining districts of Colorado, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona.

To successfully recover even small lots of gold values requires considerable experience in and knowledge of mining methods and the condition of the country where such deposits are most likely to be found.

Furthermore, considerable expense would be required in such items as fuel, supplies, mining tools and fittings involved in mining or prospecting work.

Unless you have had some mining experience it would be better for you to seek employment in the line of work with which you are familiar.

This is not to discourage you from entering the fascinating field of gold discovery but in considering such employment should understand what experience is necessary and the expense required in preparation.

Under present regulations, deposits of gold bullion weighing ten ounces or more, troy weight, may be made at this Mint.

One containing gold, or amalgam containing gold or silver values are not acceptable for deposits at the Mint. Free gold from mining or placer operations, cleaned from impurities, is acceptable, provided the free gold weighs ten ounces, troy weight, or more.

I am enclosing abstract of regulations covering the receipt of gold bullion, also table of Mint charges for handling and melting gold bullion deposits.

Trusting this gives you the desired information, I am

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

FHS:f

Enclosure

August 8, 1931

Mr. S. F. Gillespie,
Lander, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 28th, last, inquiring about shipment to this Mint in the year 1909 or 1910 by Ambrose Bennet of 21 sacks of gold ore from the Lander district, Wyoming.

A search of our records has been made covering the period mentioned in your letter but we do not find that any shipment was received from Mr. Bennet, nor was any shipment received from Wyoming of any such value as indicated in your letter.

In this connection, please be advised that the Mint does not and never has received gold ore for treatment. The precious metals must be separated from the ore and reduced to bullion form.

I am enclosing a circular that will give further information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and any shipments you may make will have our prompt and careful attention. During this year the Mint will accept mining gold in lots of not less than two troy ounces.

Wishing you success in your undertaking, I am

Respectfully,

GFF:M
Enclosure

Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

August 8, 1931

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant requesting outline of present existing regulations covering receipts of Mexican gold at the Mint. In reply please be advised that this was covered in my letter to you of the 5th instant which you no doubt have received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EFV:T

August 8, 1931

Service Jewelers,
1916 1/2 Main Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

We have received under separate cover a package of scrap gold with your card enclosed. In this connection, please be advised that before this consignment can be entered on our books a letter of advice is necessary and I will thank you to furnish such letter at your early convenience upon receipt of which your consignment will have our prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 6, 1931

Mr. C. F. Earle,
216 C Street,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment received this date, which weighed upon receipt here 61/100 of a troy ounce, please be advised that the minimum amount we can accept for purchase is two troy ounces.

If you can send one and one-half ounces additional, the two lots can be combined and entered on our books and be paid for as one deposit. If you cannot send this additional amount, your shipment will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage.

Please advise promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BCF:T

August 8, 1921

Mr. Harry White,
C/o Miners Assay Office,
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant covering your two consignments weighing respectively 1.52 troy ounces from the Anchor mill, and 2.57 troy ounces from the Alice mill, please be advised that if you wish separate returns made on these consignments, it will be necessary for you to forward about three-quarters of an ounce to be added to the material from the Anchor mill. If you wish one return made on the combined lots, we can accept the deposit as it stands. Please advise promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:t

August 10, 1931

First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant advising of the shipment of two lots of 60,000 Mexican pesos each and enclosing Customs House papers therefor.

I am returning herewith the entry on which you have signed the "Declaration of Purchaser or Agent" and attention is called to the fact that it does not bear the entry number, nor is there any evidence that it has ever been before the customs officials. Entry No. 033, having been declared to before a deputy collector of customs, is accepted. Copies of entries forwarded with consignments should bear the certificate of the customs officials that they are true copies of the original entries on file.

Please have the proper notations made on the enclosed copy and return it at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

FRANK L. SHEPARD, Superintendent

WCF:T
Enclosure

August 10, 1931

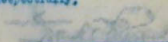
Mr. William C. Brannin,
Raton, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, please be advised that the Mint cannot accept deposits of old gold and silver having a value less than \$100.

The price of silver is approximately 28¢ per fine troy ounce and if your bar, which you state weighs 35 ounces, is pure silver it would be worth approximately \$9.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WCF:T

August 10, 1931

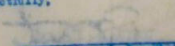
First National Bank,
Attention: J.F. Broyles, Assistant Cashier,
Custer City, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instast,
please be advised that the Mint will receive mining gold
during this year when presented in lots of not less than
two ounces. Shipment may be made by express, registered
mail, or insured parcel post, as best suits your convenience.
Transportation charges must be prepaid and each
shipment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you
additional information relative to the receipt of deposits
at the Mint. Any shipments you may make will have
our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EFY:T
Enclosure

August 10, 1931

The American Glove Company,
2013 Churchill Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the
7th instant relative to shipment of the gloves on my order
NO. 8.

Please invoice these gloves on your own bill
form, in duplicate, with the original certified as per
enclosed memorandum.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:R
Enclosure

August 10, 1931

Mr. H. L. Zimmermann, Cashier
Helena Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant inquiring if the Mint can redeem at face value certain silver coins that have been so worn that the lettering and design are completely obliterated upon affidavit by the owner as to the genuineness of the coins and their denomination. In reply, please be advised that the Mint is governed in such matters by the confidential instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury under date of February 5, 1927, a copy of which you doubtless have on file.

We could not make any classification of coins mentioned without an inspection of them and then would have to submit our findings to the Treasurer of the United States for his approval.

Under the circumstances I would suggest that you take the matter up directly with the Treasurer of the United States for his decision as to which of the coins are mutilated and which would be classed as uncurrent.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

807:7

August 10, 1921

Mr. James H. McCabe,
127 Fishkill Avenue,
Beacon, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 7th instant,
I have to advise that our supply of one-cent bronze pieces
of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this
matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

August 10, 1931

Mr. E. A. Richardson,
Tiger, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not make commercial assays but you can have such work done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a cost of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver.

If you wish your samples returned to you, please forward the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EWV:T

August 10, 1931

Josten Manufacturing Company,
Quatara, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of the 6th instant, please be advised that after melting and a preliminary test of your metal, it has been found to contain more than 800 parts base and has been rejected and a charge of \$1.00 imposed.

If you wish to reenter this consignment as a new deposit, please forward at least 10 ounces of sterling silver to be added thereto. Our charge of \$1.00, however, must be paid in cash before reentering your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:t

August 10, 1921

Mr. Samuel L. Davidson,
1668 Federal Boulevard,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Under instructions from the Director of the Mint
I am enclosing application for refund of the retirement
deductions amounting to \$2.70 due you on your retirement
from the service August 12, 1922.

Please have this application sworn to on page 1
and return promptly to this office for forwarding to the
Department at Washington.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 13, 1931

Mr. J. D. Capps,
Livingston, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date and to the rocks referred to therein, please be advised that the Mint does not make commercial assays and your money order for \$1.00 is herewith returned.

If you wish assays made of your material, such work can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a cost of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

FCP:2
Enclosure

August 11, 1931

Mr. Charles Clark,
108 South 8th Street,
Canon City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of July 23rd, last, I have to advise you that if the value of the gold you have is at least \$100, the Mint will buy it. From your description of the material it is understood to be in bullion form.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EV:T

Enclosure

August 11, 1931

Mr. W. M. Maley,
For C. Peter Ehl,
Logan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date I have to state that the Mint does not handle material such as described by you, nor do I know of any one in Denver who might be in a position to give you the information you desire regarding it.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ESP:T

August 11, 1931

Mr. C. F. Earle,
216 G Street
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, I regret very much to have to state that I am unable to purchase the small amount of gold you have sent here. The Mint regulations relative to the purchase of bullion are made by the Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C., and I cannot waive the requirement of two ounces as the minimum to be purchased.

You may be able to dispose of this gold to some assayer or metallurgical plant near your city, or if you wish, I can turn it over to some dealer in gold here who will make returns direct to you.

While it is not the policy of the Mint to recommend dealers, nor assume any responsibility for their dealings, I would say that the following are reliable dealers:

O. Blumrock, Mack Block, Denver;
Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, Denver.

If you wish us to turn your bullion over to one of the above, please write and authorize us to do so, naming the one to whom it shall be delivered.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 11, 1901

Mr. S. C. Logsdon,
107 South 2nd Street,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant please be advised that the Mint does not buy old gold or jewelry scrap except when presented in lots of not less than \$100 and I am therefore unable to handle the $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces of 12-karat gold you now have.

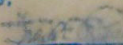
The Mint will receive solid gold jewelry scrap without its being refined but all foreign substances, such as screws, springs, etc., should be removed. This, of course, is subject to the \$100 value mentioned above.

Answering your inquiry for information as to any one in Denver refining gold, I have to say that while the Mint does not recommend dealers nor assume any responsibility for them, the following are the names of reliable dealers in old gold:

O. Blumrock, 1202 Block, Denver,
Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, Denver,
J. W. Richards & Son, 1118 - 19th Street, Denver.

I am enclosing a circular that will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

UCF:7
Enclosure

August 11, 1931

Mrs. Arthur E. Haddleston,
3903 Montrose Boulevard,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your consignment of the 7th instant, consisting of 12 buttons weighing 1.72 troy ounces. If this is mining gold it is too small for us to accept as 2 ounces is the minimum, and if it is the product of fabricated gold, the minimum value which we can accept is \$100.

If you can send the additional amount required in either case, we will combine it with what you have sent and prompt payment will be made. When sending the additional amount please state its origin - new product and name of mine, or whatever source from which it was produced.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,

~~Yours very truly,~~
J. W. HARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT

ENCLOSURE

August 11, 1931

American Gold Dredging Corporation,
Office of Secretary,
4917 West Vernor Highway,
Detroit, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, I have to advise you that our records do not show any deposits in the name of the American Gold Dredging Corporation, nor in the name of Chas. Gorder, at any time during the last nine months.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BCF:T

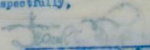
August 12, 1931

Mr. R. E. Jenkins,
Longmont, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 10th instant,
I have returned by first class mail the small package that
you had sent here and am enclosing herewith \$6 in stamps
unused.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 12, 1931

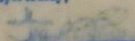
Service Jewelers,
1915 1/2 Main Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant inquiring if it is necessary to go before a Notary Public for each shipment of gold, I have to advise you that it is not necessary to go before a Notary Public for any shipment to the Mint. All that is necessary is a letter stating that you are making a shipment, giving the character of your material, its approximate weight and value; also stating whether you want payment in cash, check, or gold bars. By referring to my letter of the 8th instant you will notice that I simply asked for a letter of advice.

Your shipment will be entered on our books and check will be mailed you in a few days.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WCF:V

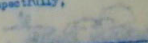
August 12, 1931

Mr L. E. Lipsky,
9 Wyandotte Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant ^{in which} you state you are enclosing 178 ^{assorted} ~~assorted~~ ^{assorted} and old gold and also 3 lots of ~~fine~~ ^{fine} which would make a total of 8.90 troy ounces. Upon receipt here your first lot weighs 4.57 troy ounces and the second lot 15/100 of a troy ounce. As your first lot is 15/100 of a troy ounce short of your weight, I am holding your consignment and will ask you to advise me promptly whether or not our weights are satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECV:T

August 12, 1931

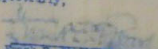
Mr. Cyril M. Frost,
Tinton, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 28th, last, I
have to state that the Mint will accept during this year
deposits of mining gold when sent in lots of not less than
two ounces. The five ounces you have can therefore be ac-
cepted. The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure
gold contained in deposits.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you
additional information relative to the receipt of deposits
at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 12, 1931

First National Bank,
Silverton, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your consignment of the 8th instant consisting of 7.80 troy ounces of amalgam, for the credit of Louis Wyman. Please be advised that in order to be accepted for purchase amalgam must be re-torted and this material will therefore be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and registry fee.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

BCP:T

August 12, 1931

Mr. Grover Spangler,
Fremont, Nebraska,
Fifth Street at Main

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, please be advised that the minimum value of deposits of old gold that can be accepted for purchase by the Mint is \$100.00 and each deposit must contain at least one-fourth of its weight in the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

HUP:f
Enclosure

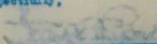
August 12, 1931

Mrs. Nellie Ricketts,
Lawson, Kansas. Route 2

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant inquiring if the Mint can purchase some burned gold and some sterling silver you have, I have to state that if the fused gold is coin and can be identified as such, the Mint will purchase it, but if it consists of jewelry it cannot be handled unless it and the sterling silver together have a value of at least \$100.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

RMF:1

Stamp returned

August 12, 1931

Mr. E. E. Frost,
Severy, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant I
have to state that the material you forwarded here seems
to be copper and of no commercial value. Your sample
is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

Enclosure

August 17, 1921

Box 182,
Wilcox, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter has been turned over to this institution by the post office and I would suggest that if it is intended for the United States Mint at Denver, you return same to me properly addressed.

There is no office or firm in this city in the name of the "Denver Assay Company."

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

DENVER AUGUST 13, 1931

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
EL PASO TEXAS

YOUR CHECK NUMBER A TWO NINE NINE SIX SIX
FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS COUNTS ONE HUNDRED PESOS SHORT. PLEASE ADVISE.

Superintendent Hlat

Collect at El Paso

Denver, Colo., Aug. 18, 1931

First National Bank,

El Paso, Texas.

Referring to prior telegram shortage is one twenty pass piece
Please advise.

PARD.

Superintendent Mint

August 15, 1931

First National Bank,
Togales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the
10th instant and the gold bar shipped by express.

The bar is stamped as weighing 578.5 ounces but
its weight upon receipt here is only 577.65 troy ounces.

I am proceeding to treat this deposit but thought
it advisable to call your attention to the discrepancy in
the weights.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 15, 1921

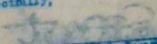
Mr. C. E. Earle,
218 C Street,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 11th instant, I have this day turned over to Burlingame & Parker of this city the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint and they will make returns direct to you.

Trusting my action in this matter and the result of same will be satisfactory, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 12, 1931

Mr. H. Crutchfield,
Kerby, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the money order for \$1.00 enclosed with your letter of the 8th instant and you are advised that the Mint does not do commercial assaying. You can, however, have reliable assays made at the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a cost of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver.

If you wish your rock samples returned to you, please forward the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

WFS:T
Enclosure

August 13, 1931

First Saving Bank & Trust Company,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant enclosing a gold nugget weighing 1.24 troy ounces, please be advised that the least amount of mining gold we can accept during this year is two troy ounces.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and registry fee your material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ESF:T

August 18, 1931

Mr. F. Uhler,
120 North State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant stating that you were sending by express 50 ounces of gold fillings, please be advised that your consignment weighed only 14.36 Troy ounces upon receipt here.

The package was in perfect order but I am holding your shipment and have to request that you inform me promptly regarding it.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WES:T

August 15, 1931

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 8th instant relative to the receipt of Mexican gold coin and bullion, I have to state that as we have to keep statistics covering the receipt of all classes of coin and bullion, it will be a great convenience to us if you will indicate in your letters of advice the sources from which the gold was received when making shipments that are not covered by customs house papers - such as where it has been accumulated in small amounts by you or by your customers. Your cooperation in this respect will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

August 13, 1931

State National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 11th instant relative to the receipt of Mexican gold coin and bullion, I have to state that as we have to keep statistics covering the receipt of all classes of coin and bullion, it will be a great convenience to us if you will indicate in your letters of advice the sources from which the gold was received when making shipments that are not covered by customs house papers - such as where it has been accumulated in small amounts by you or by your customers. Your cooperation in this respect will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EUF:T

August 13, 1931

First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 5th instant relative to the receipt of Mexican gold coin and bullion, I have to state that as we have to keep statistics covering the receipt of all classes of coin and bullion, it will be a great convenience to us if you will indicate in your letters of advice the sources from which the gold was received when making shipments that are not covered by customs house papers - such as where it has been accumulated in small amounts by you or by your customers. Your cooperation in this respect will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shapiro, Superintendent

ECF:E

August 18, 1931

First National Bank,
Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 5th instant relative to the receipt of Mexican gold coin and bullion, I have to state that as we have to keep statistics covering the receipt of all classes of coin and bullion, it will be a great convenience to us if you will indicate in your letters of advice the source from which the gold was received when making shipments that are not covered by customs house papers - such as where it has been accumulated in small amounts by you or by your customers. Your cooperation in this respect will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

BCF:T

August 14, 1931

Mr. James Rhodes,
Deport, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant,
please be advised that the piece of metal forwarded there-
with is principally iron and does not seem to contain any
silver or other precious metals.

If you wish your sample returned, please forward
the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

WFF:Z

August 14, 1951

International Creditors' Protective Association,
529-34 Symes Building, Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant regarding the account owed by Len Williams to the M. Davidson Grocery amounting to \$14.14, I have to state that Mr. Williams has promised to call on you tomorrow, Saturday, and pay this account in full. If this is not done, please notify me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

EMF:T

August 14, 1931

Billings Dental Supply Company,
Attention: Mr. B.P. Billings, President,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant and of the dental scrap and filings shipped by express.

As your advice states that the consignment weighs 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces and the material weighs upon receipt here 69.36 troy ounces, I am holding this consignment and will ask you to inform me promptly if our weight is satisfactory to you.

The package was in perfect condition upon receipt here so that it does not appear that any of the scrap or filings can have been lost in transit.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 14, 1931

Joyten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 256 of July 25th, last, I have to advise that after melting a preliminary test shows that this material contains more than 800 parts of base metal and we have had to reject it.

If you wish to reenter this consignment as a new deposit, at least 20 ounces of fine silver will be required to reduce the base metal content below 800.

Our melting charge of \$1.00 imposed on this rejected bar will have to be paid in cash before any further action can be taken. Owing to an oversight we failed to write you promptly regarding this deposit.

Please advise promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

ENC. 7

August 14, 1921

Mr. Ole E. Haave,
General Delivery,
Wickenburg, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant,
please be advised that I do not know the value of placer
gold from the San Domingo District of Arizona.

The Mint pays \$20.67 per ounce of pure gold. The
least amount of mining gold that can be accepted is two
troy ounces.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ESP:T

August 14, 1931

Dr. S. E. Bohan,
Kirkeville, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise you that the Mint will purchase your 200 dw of scrap dental gold. Shipment may be made either by express, with charges prepaid, or by insured parcel post, as best suits your convenience. You should notify the Mint by letter when shipment is made, stating the kind of material you are sending, its weight and approximate value. Payment is usually made the second or third day after receipt of the deposit either by check on the Treasurer of the United States or in cash by express or registered mail at your expense.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information on this subject.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM W. SHAPARD, Inspector

WWS:et
Enclosure

August 14, 1921

Mr. H. K. Savage,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th instant and the package of amalgam forwarded under separate cover and which weighs 1.65 troy ounces.

In reply please be advised that the Mint does not accept amalgam at any time. The present regulations permit me to accept mining gold in lots of not less than two troy ounces but it must be in the form of grains, nuggets, retorts, or other metallic form.

Your amalgam will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage. Please advise promptly.

Respectfully,

FRANK M. Shepard, Superintendent

BMF:T

August 14, 1931

The Postmaster,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing the envelopes of two letters received on early afternoon delivery today from El Paso, Texas. It is noted that the postmark on these letters is August 12th and it is understood that mail from El Paso arrives in Denver the following night.

The contents of these envelopes related to shipments to this Mint that were delivered by the parcel post Department about the middle of the forenoon today.

Great inconvenience results both to us and to our depositors from delay in receiving letters relative to shipments and this matter is brought to your attention with the hope that in future there will be as little delay as possible in delivering our mail.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

SWF:J
Enclosure

August 15, 1931

First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant relative to making payment for your consignments of Mexican gold coin. In reply I have to advise that it is perfectly agreeable to us to make advance payments when requested on such deposits up to approximately 90% of value when it is over \$5000. The checks will be deposited promptly with the Federal Reserve Branch Bank in this city for the account of the Federal Reserve Branch Bank of El Paso, for your credit.

With reference to the apparent delay in making payment for your consignment of the 8th instant, which you seem to think was unduly delayed, I have to state that perhaps you are not familiar with the details required in handling deposits by the Mint. Before we can enter a deposit on our books and proceed to treat it, it is necessary to have a letter of advice in order that the proper entries may be made. Then the consignment must be checked as to weight and amount and melted in its turn; assayed, calculated, necessary papers and records made out and check drawn.

Sometimes it is possible to make payment the day following the receipt of the deposit but this is only when it is received early in the morning. It is the general practice that payment for a deposit is not due until the second day after its receipt, but as just stated payments are made earlier if possible. Every effort is made to make payment as quickly after the deposit is received as is consistent with accuracy. Corrections of errors are difficult to make whether they are in favor of the depositor or the Government.

Coming now to your criticism regarding your shipment of the 8th instant, please be advised that it was delivered by the post office in this city at 10:30 last Monday morning - the 10th instant - but your letter of advice was not received until about the middle of the afternoon of the same day. It was then too late to melt the deposit that day as other deposits had precedence. However, it was melted early in the morning of the 11th and pay-

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ment was made to the Federal Reserve Branch Bank on the 12th by mail in accordance with the Mint regulations.

I have asked the officials of the Federal Reserve Branch Bank in Denver if they could not send their messenger to the Mint for the advance payment checks but they said it would not be practical to do so as they might not have one available when we had the check ready. The Mint regulations make no provision for the delivery of checks in person but in order to expedite payment, we will send them to the bank by our messenger.

I have also conferred with the postal authorities here relative to prompt delivery of shipments to the Mint and have been informed that they are made just as soon after their arrival as it is possible to secure the service of their armored truck. Sometimes this is available early in the morning and sometimes it is not.

I will mention in this connection that your consignment of the 12th instant was delivered this morning at nine o'clock but the letter of advice has not been received and under circumstances stated above, we are unable to enter this shipment on our books and make the advance payment today.

The attention of the Postmaster has been formally called to the apparent delay in delivery of our mail and the consequent inconvenience to us and to our depositors. In this connection the suggestion is made that in order to expedite the delivery of these letters of advice it might be advisable to send them by special delivery.

I am enclosing some copies of our Form No. 104b and have to request that you send one with each consignment, filled out as per the sample enclosed. It is necessary to attach them to our voucher whenever payment is made to any one other than the depositor as our authority for so making the payment.

Assuring you of our desire to expedite payments for consignments as much as is consistent with the Mint regulations and with safety to all concerned, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 15, 1931.

The Bank of Douglas,
Douglas, Ariz.

Sirs:-

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise you that the Mint is now buying Mexican gold coin without restrictions as to affidavits, etc.

We will be pleased to have you make shipments of such coin as you may have on hand, and may accumulate in the future. When making shipment of your present stock, please state in your letter of advice, that it has been accumulated in the regular course of business. Future shipments of the same kind should be so noted.

If you should make shipment of any gold coin or bullion that has been imported through the custom house, please send the usual custom house papers, certified by the customs official that they are true copies of the original on file.

Respectfully,

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Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent.

August 15, 1931

Mrs. Frank Bennett,
East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note on my letter of July 9th last,
please be advised that I have this day returned your gold
chains by insured parcel post, using 12½ cents for this
purpose, and I am enclosing 7½ cents postage, unneeded.

Respectfully,

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FRANK E. LEONARD, Superintendent.

August 17, 1931

Mr. Fred Jacobs,
Westgate Hotel,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant

I have to say that the Mint will accept gold plated goods with deposits having a value of at least \$100 when such plated material does not exceed one-fourth of the total weight.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

BCF:T
Stamp returned

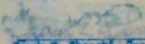
August 17, 1961

Mr. Rowland K. Goddard,
U.S. Secret Service Operative,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

Enclosed please find letter signed by Clayton
Savage and other, Great Falls, Montana, received this morn-
ing, which I have acknowledged stating that same has been
turned over to you for such action as you may desire to
take in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

August 17, 1921

Mr. Clayton Savage,
C/o Mrs. Mae Chapman,
1219 - 4th Avenue, South,
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant,
please be advised that this letter has been turned over
to the United States Secret Service Operative in this
city and you will doubtless hear from him regarding the
subject matter of your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EEF:T

August 17, 1931

First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter to you of the 15th instant relative to apparent delay in payment for your shipments to this institution recently, I am enclosing copy of letter I have just received from the postmaster in this city pertinent to this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

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The Groce National Bank,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, inquiring as to the bullion value of the present issue of the Mexican silver peso, I have to state that the new peso weighs approximately 420 grains of $7/8$ of a troy ounce and that it is 900/1000 fine. The fine silver content is therefore approximately 0.7875 troy ounces. This weight multiplied by 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ makes the bullion value of a full-weight peso approximately 22.05 cents.

Circulated coins, of course, weight somewhat less than new coins and the value of them can be ascertained by taking 900/1000 of the gross weight and multiplying this product by the current price of silver per fine ounce.

I understand that it is the trade custom to make a certain deduction from the value of the new coin to offset the loss in weight of the circulated coin but I am unable to state definitely what it is.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ESF:T

Stamp envelope returned

August 17, 1931

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Mr. Tom Duck,
Bass, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that I do not know of any one who makes free assays but you can have reliable assays made by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, as shown on the last page of the enclosed circular.

A money order for the proper amount, made payable to the Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, should accompany your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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Enclosure

August 17, 1931

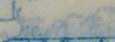
Mr. Herbert S. Jyue,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th instant and your shipment mentioned therein. You state that your material weighs about 18 ounces but the weight received here is 16.82 troy ounces.

Your package was intact when received but on account of this difference in weight I am holding it until you advise me whether or not the weight as found here is satisfactory to you. Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

BSF:T

August 17, 1931

Mr. M. E. Myers,
25 South Tejon Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have received a package by express bearing your name on the outside but up to this time have not received from you a letter of advice concerning it. Please send me such letter at your earliest convenience when your consignment will have our prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BCF:T

August 17, 1921

Emigrant Gold Mining Company,
Livingston, Montana. Box 594

Gentlemen:

I have received a package by parcel post bearing your name on the outside but up to this time have not received a letter of advise concerning it. Please send me such letter at your earliest convenience when your consignment will have our prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

WFF:T

August 17, 1931

Mr. F. L. McCune,
Longford, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant regarding gold scrap mentioned therein, which you state weighs 15 ounces, I have to state that upon receipt here it weighs 12.77 troy ounces. Owing to this difference in weight, I am holding your consignment and will ask you to notify me promptly if our weight is satisfactory to you.,

I note you wish your check in payment forwarded by registered mail but the registry stamps were not enclosed, and if you desire this check registered please forward 15 cents in stamps for registry fee.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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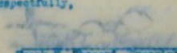
August 17, 1901

Mr. E. D. Moss,
Hotel Worth,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant,
please be advised that check in payment for your consignment of the 4th instant was mailed to you on the 14th instant and you no doubt have received it by this time.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

WOT:7

August 17, 1931

Salmon River Stores Company,
Whitebird, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant and of the package of mining gold under separate cover.

As this consignment consists of amalgam, which the mint does not accept at any time, we are unable to handle it and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage.

In this connection please be advised that the bottle containing this amalgam was broken in transit. Please advise.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WFS:V

August 18, 1931

Benton Novelty Shop,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant and of the scrap jewelry mentioned therein. On melting your material, it is found to contain more than 800 parts of base and we have had to reject it. Our charge imposed on this bar is \$1.00 which must be paid in cash.

As the least value the Mint can accept is \$100, it will require the addition of approximately \$80 in gold to meet this requirement and also the addition of at least 25 ounces of sterling silver to reduce the base content below 800/1000.

If you can forward the above amounts, together with \$1.00 to cover our charge, we will be pleased to reenter your bar as a new deposit and payment will be made you promptly. If you cannot send the additional material, your bar will be returned to you either by express, charges collect, or by insured parcel post upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance fee. The \$1 melting charges must be paid in any event. Please advise.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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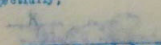
Mr. D. M. Wyman,
C/o First National Bank,
Silverton, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with request in your note on my letter to the First National Bank of Silverton regarding shipment to the Mint of 7.50 troy ounces of amalgam, I have this day returned to you by registered mail package containing this amalgam having used the 40¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	20¢
Registry Fee	20¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

207:T

August 18, 1931

Mr. D. C. Gapps,
Livingston, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note on my letter to you of the 10th instant, I have to advise you that the postage on the package you desire me to forward to Salt Lake City is 20¢ and if you wish it insured it will require 5¢ additional. You inclosed but 14¢ in stamps. As the Mint has no fund from which to pay this postage, I have to request that you will send me 11¢ and your package will be forwarded as requested.

Respectfully

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

BOF:T

August 16, 1931

Captain of the Guards,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Attached hereto is copy of Department Circular No. 241, dated July 26, 1931, pertaining to the display of the National Design.

Each member of the Guard personnel will be expected to familiarize himself with the instructions in this circular and strict compliance therewith will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Custodian

BSF:T

August 16, 1931

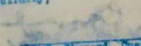
Captain of the Guards,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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Attached hereto is copy of Department Circular No. 241, dated July 26, 1931, pertaining to the display of the National Ensign.

Each member of the Guard personnel will be expected to familiarize himself with the instructions in this circular and strict compliance therewith will be appreciated.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Custodian

BWF:T

August 19, 1931

Hershey Mines Corporation,
Attention: Mr. H. D. Hershey,
Castleton, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant inquiring as to the value of the Mexican peso, please be advised that the weight of the new coin is approximately 420 grains and it is 900/1000 fine, making the fine silver content approximately .7875 troy ounce. It is understood that the value of the silver peso fluctuates with the price of silver.

On the above basis with silver at 27¢ per fine ounce, the value of the peso would be 21.26 cents.

Trusting that this information is what you desire,

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ESP:T

August 19, 1931

Miss Clara Dell Preston,
625 Garfield Avenue,
Loveland, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I am returning herewith mutilated one-dollar bill enclosed with your letter of the 17th instant.

I have to advise you that the Mint does not redeem currency and you should send this bill to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 19, 1931

The M. S. Lanyon Jewelry Company,
403 North Broadway,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, please be advised that the Mint will purchase your gold watch cases and other scrap jewelry, provided they are solid gold and when presented in lots of not less than \$100. Should any of your material be gold filled articles, you should include at least one-fourth of the weight of the deposit in sterling silver so that its base metal content will be below 800/1000. Material containing more than 800 parts base out of a possible 1000, cannot be accepted by the Mint.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Johnson, Treasurer

EOE:T
Enclosure

August 19, 1931

Mrs. Catherine Ford,
White Sulphur Springs,
Montana. Box 96

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant and to the consignment mentioned therein, please be advised that this material weighs but 1.66 troy ounces and it is too small to be accepted - the least amount being two troy ounces.

If you can send at least one-half ounce additional, the two lots can be combined as one deposit and paid for.

Please advise promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 19, 1931

Mr. Russell Kemmer,
Ridgeway, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant and the package of placer gold mentioned therein.

As your consignment weighs but 1.86 troy ounces, it is too small to handle - two ounces being the minimum. If you can send an additional amount to be added to this consignment, they can be combined in one deposit and paid for. If you cannot send this additional amount, this shipment will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance fee. Please give the name of the county from which this gold was produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WES:T

August 12, 1932

Citizens State Bank,
Hamilton, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant and the package of gold sent by express.

As this consignment weighs but 1.15 troy ounces, it is too small for us to handle - two ounces being the minimum. This gold is very dirty and it will require approximately an equal amount to meet our requirements. If you can send this amount, the two lots can be combined in one deposit and paid for. If you cannot do this, your gold will be returned to you by express, collect. Please advise promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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